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TRIPOLI AGAIN BOMBED

Tripoli (750 miles west of Bardia) was again raided heavily by R.A.F. bombers on the night of January 6/7, states a communique issued from R.A.F. Headquarters in the Middle East in Cairo yesterday.

Several tons of bombs were dropped among motor vessels in the centre of the harbour, causing a series of explosions and clouds of smoke.

One direct hit was registered amidships on a large motor vessel and was followed by explosions. Several small cargo ships were probably hit.

Fires were caused among Customs buildings and wharves, while much damage was caused to the power station.

All British aircraft returned safely to base.

The communique adds that a further raid was carried out on Tobruk by R.A.F. heavy bombers.

Widespread fires were caused which were visible from 30 miles away among barracks, stores, sheds and motor transport concentrations.

The R.A.F. aircraft returned without loss to their bases. — Reuter.

Britain Has New Bomber

A new type of plane is being added to Britain's air strength and is expected to play a useful part in the war.

A light twin-engined bomber, the new plane is to be known as the Botha I, and is the result of experiments carried out at one of the most important aeroplane factories in Britain.

Its performance and armament are a close secret at present.

It is a general reconnaissance and torpedo bomber and is powered by two Perseus engines. — Reuter.

Relations Stated To Be Strained

BLITZKRIEG EXPERT TO TAKE COMMAND

Field-Marshal List, one of Germany's blitzkrieg experts, is to arrive in Rumania shortly with a staff of five generals to take over command of German troops there, says a Bucharest despatch received in Belgrade last night.

Marshal List commanded the German troops in the Polish campaign.

Baron Manfred von Killinger, new German Minister to Rumania, is due in Bucharest on Sunday. — Reuter.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT RIBBENTROP, THE NAZI FOREIGN MINISTER, SAW M. FILOFF, THE BULGARIAN PRIME MINISTER, ON SUNDAY, STATES THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENT OF THE "BASLER NACHRICHTEN."

Refusal of the Wilhelmstrasse, however, to discuss the state of Bulgaro-German relations indicates that the negotiations had a negative result.

Relations are reported to remain very strained, the correspondent adds.

Meanwhile a despatch to the Stockholm newspaper "Svenska Dagbladet," quoting information in Berlin, states that no fresh German-Bulgarian negotiations or agreements are to be expected.

The delicacy of the Bulgarian situation was emphasised by the Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm "Tidningen."

With opposing interests seeking to influence her, the correspondent says, it is unlikely that the Bulgarian Prime Minister will leave the country at present.

Do Not Coincide

There had been reports that M. Filoff, who is ill, would leave Bulgaria in order to obtain medi-

cal treatment elsewhere.

The correspondent further states that German and Russian interests do not coincide in Bulgaria and Bulgaria perhaps is relying on Russian support if she resists German demands. — Reuter.

ITALIAN CLAIMS UNFOUNDED

Reuter learned in authoritative quarters in London yesterday that a series of Italian claims to have sunk British warships off Bardia are wholly unfounded.

The claims were contained in

FOLLOWING UP TO TOBRUK

The Italian aerodrome of El Adem, just outside Tobruk, has been taken by our forces, who found 40 unserviceable planes on the field.

Further raids have been carried out by the R.A.F. on the foreshore and military targets in Tobruk itself, but full details could not be observed.

Two aerodromes beyond Tobruk were raided with success, while in the Tobruk area a Caproni-41 was shot down and a fighter probably destroyed, others being damaged.

A military communique yesterday said that operations against Tobruk are proceeding satisfactorily. In the Sudan, east of Gallabat, our patrols have inflicted casualties on the enemy, while there is no change in Kenya.

General Wavell is wasting no time following the fall of Bardia and British mechanised troops are already in contact with the outer defences of Tobruk. — Reuter.

An official statement issued in Rome after yesterday's Italian communique.

The statement said that three of the British warships which bombarded Bardia were sunk; in addition, Rome alleged, a liner was sunk and two cruisers, a submarine, destroyers, a gunboat and a monitor badly damaged. — Reuter.

FOUR-MAN BOARD TO SPUR U.S. ARMS DRIVE

A SUPREME DIRECTORATE for the United States defence programme, to speed up arms production, was established by President Roosevelt yesterday.

The Directorate comprises Mr. William Knudsen, as Director-General; Mr. Sidney Hillman, the Labour leader, as Associate Director-General; Mr. Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War, and Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of Navy.

President Roosevelt announced that the Directorate had been given full authority to formulate and execute policies for armament production.

By an Executive Order, President Roosevelt has established an office of production management for defence, which will be only nominally under his control.

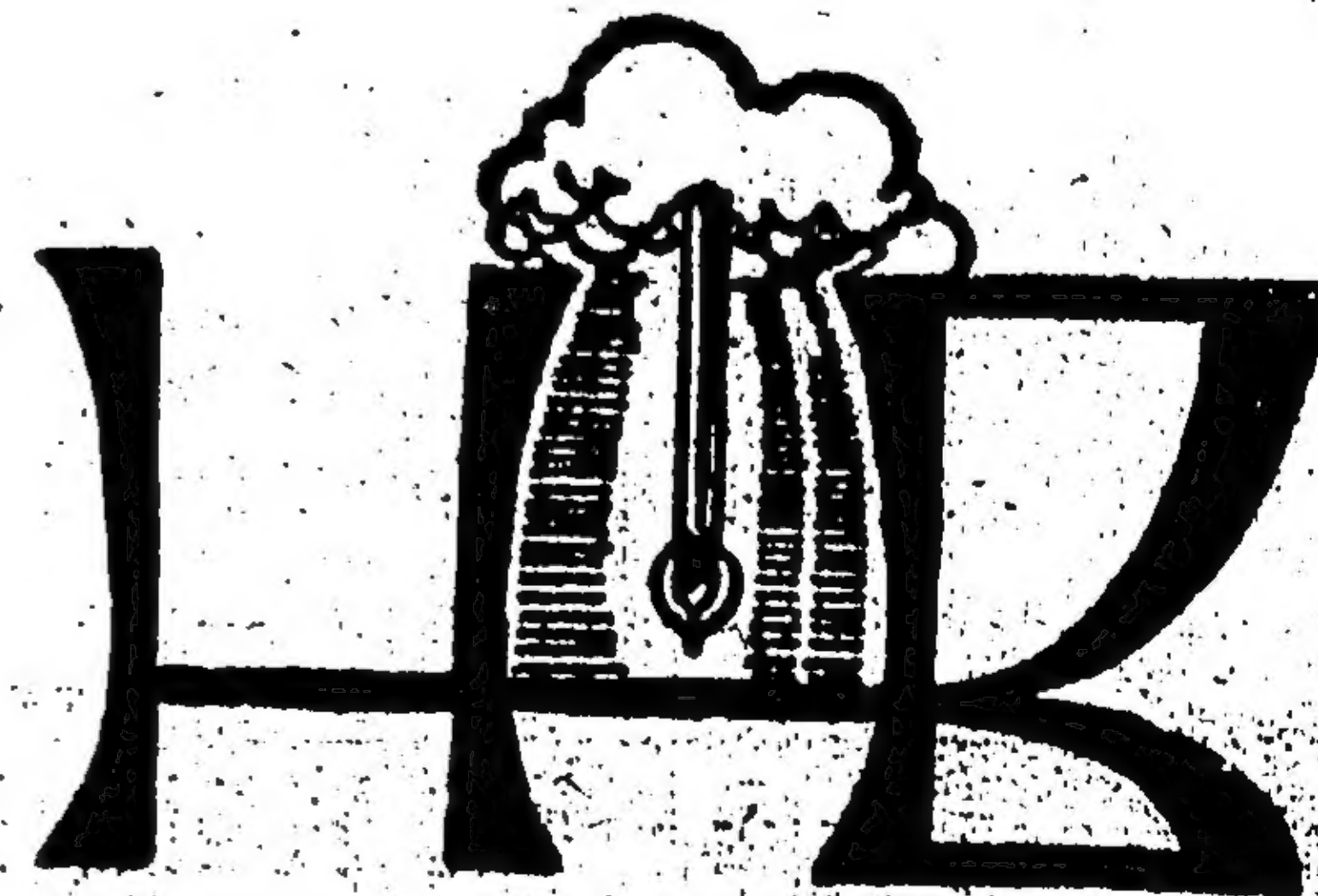
Simultaneously, President Roosevelt released to reporters a statement signed by all four members of the Directorate in which they

said the task confronting them was "not only of critical importance but also one of surpassing urgency."

Arsenal Of Democracy

They promised "all that we have" to fulfil President Roosevelt's order to create an "arsenal of Democracy" in the United States and called for cooperation from every person in the country to make that arsenal adequate for the defence of Democracy and freedom. — Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

In Time To Meet Expected Axis Offensive In Spring

U.S. PLANS OF AID TO BRITAIN

TO-DAY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AGAIN GOES BEFORE CONGRESS WITH A STATEMENT HARDLY LESS IMPORTANT THAN HIS "WE CANNOT LET THE DEMOCRACIES SURRENDER" MESSAGE ON MONDAY.

"The President will present his Budget recommendations for the new fiscal year, of which the main interest will be the amount of what President Roosevelt on Monday called "those greatly increased new appropriations" for armaments and national defence.

PRISONERS A SECOND TIME

MEMBERS OF THE CREW OF A HEINKEL 111 WHICH MADE A FORCED LANDING IN KENT RECENTLY, ARE NOW PRISONERS OF WAR FOR THE SECOND TIME.

They were shot down in France and taken prisoner, but released by the French five days after Armistice. After some time in hospital and on leave, they returned to their unit early this month.

Their aircraft was leading a flight which operated from a French base to attack the London docks. The starboard engine was hit by A.A. fire and as oil escaped, the engine ceased. The aircraft lost speed and fell behind the formation. It was chased by Spitfires and the steering was put out of action.

The pilot said that they would have baled out but one of the crew had been wounded. So he force-landed and immediately threw an incendiary bomb into the cabin. Soldiers arrived in time to pull the bomb out and the aircraft was saved.

BLOW FOR MARSHAL GRAZIANI

"BARDIA'S FALL IS A PARTICULARLY HEAVY BLOW FOR MARSHAL GRAZIANI, WHO HAS NOW LOST OVER HALF THE LAND FORCES AVAILABLE FOR THE DEFENCE OF CYRENAICA," WROTE THE MILITARY CORRESPONDENT OF THE STOCKHOLM "TIDNINGEN" YESTERDAY.

"The British are so superior that a continuation of offensive operations is possible provided supplies are ensured by sea—which can be done unless strong Italian and German air units are put into the struggle.

"It is hardly likely, however, that a strong German air force could be based in Africa, while the distance from Italy makes effective and continuous bombing in Africa doubtful."—Reuter.

CAMEL CORPS TAKE TO ARMoured CARS

THE FAMOUS SOMALILAND CAMEL CORPS HAS BEEN COMPLETELY REORGANISED AND RE-EQUIPPED, SAYS A NAIROBI MESSAGE.

"It has joined the East African forces under its old name—but with armoured cars instead of camels."—Reuter.

First instalment of concrete proposals for implementing President Roosevelt's recommendations will undoubtedly be in the Budget and other Bills to be sent to Congress before the week-end and which will probably be passed within 30 days.

Political observers in Washington feel confident that proposals implementing the President's policy and promises will be passed by an overwhelming majority of the House of Representatives, while in the Senate it is believed that the isolationists cannot muster a bigger vote than 30.

Wide Discretion Likely

The belief is freely expressed that once President Roosevelt's lend and lease plan is approved by Congress it will place all existing American arms, as well as new production, under the discretion of the President and his military and naval experts for use in the struggle of the democracies against the aggressors.

This would appear to make it possible for destroyers to be released and also planes from the existing American air force if it is felt expedient to do so.

It is believed this is an adequate answer to those who are apprehensive that American help might not materialise early enough to meet the expected Axis offensive in the Spring.—Reuter.

FAMOUS JUMPERS TO BE SOLD

HORSES WHICH HAVE WON FAME IN SEVERAL PARTS OF THE WORLD FOR THEIR JUMPING FEATS WILL BE SOLD TOMORROW IN DUBLIN FOLLOWING THE DECISION OF THE EIRE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE TO CLOSE THE ARMY SCHOOL OF EQUITATION.

For many years the Eire Army has distinguished itself in international jumping competitions in Europe and America.

The cessation of international tournaments, owing to the war, is no doubt largely responsible for the closing of the school.—Reuter.

U.S. 'PLANES FOR GREECE

GREECE IS TO BE GIVEN AMERICAN AEROPLANES.

Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, declared yesterday that one result of President Roosevelt's pledge of more aid for the democracies will be that a number of planes now being built for the U.S. Army are being released for Greece.—Reuter.

GREENLAND OCCUPIED BY U.S.?

American troops are "occupying" Greenland and American police are posted in the town of Ivigtut, according to kryolite miners who have just returned to Copenhagen.

They stated yesterday (according to a Stockholm report) that communications with Denmark, to which Greenland belongs, have been practically broken off and rationing of food had been in operation since last April, though there was no shortage.

Steamers of the Hudson Bay Company were carrying miscellaneous supplies to points in west Greenland.

This miners travelled to Copenhagen by way of America, Portugal and Germany.—Reuter.

"A GIANT KICK"

AFTER 40 MINUTES CONCENTRATED ATTACK BY BLENHEIMS OF THE COASTAL COMMAND ON THE HARBOUR AT LE HAVRE, FIRES WHICH HAD BEEN STARTED ON THE PREVIOUS NIGHT OVER MOST OF THE HARBOUR AREA WERE REKINDLED TO DOUBLE STRENGTH. THE DOCK BECAME A CAULDRON, AT LEAST 13 SEPARATE AND SPREADING FIRES FOLLOWING SCORES OF EXPLOSIONS.

One of these explosions was perhaps the most remarkable that has taken place in the bombardment of the invasion ports.

When a salvo of bombs burst on the target, the ground became sheeted with white flame.

"Then", said one of the pilots "something volcanic seemed to happen. The concussion could be felt like a giant's kick a mile and a half high. At 8,000 feet I thought my aircraft would be upset.

We were in cloud at the time, but the sky around us suddenly became clear. The cloud, even at that height, had actually been blown away by the force of the explosion. Night became like day.

"I never saw such a fire before. Its brilliant reflection glowed in the clouds far above us. It warmed the cockles of our hearts".

POLES WANT BOOKS

Bombs dropped by Polish aircrews frequently have messages inscribed on them, some abusive, others pathetic. One read, in English, "Good morning, you—", followed by the Polish equivalent for one of canine percentage.

Another was "Revenge for my aunt killed at Warsaw".

The Polish newspaper printed in this country is widely read, but Polish books are scarce. Poles living in England who could send books to their countrymen at R.A.F. stations would be doing a great kindness.

OVER-GOOD GERMAN AIM

A Coastal Command aircraft was reconnoitring Le Havre when a Messerschmidt 109 dived to attack.

One of the British gunners had the enemy in his sights. He was just about to fire when he saw the Messerschmidt drop vertically seawards out of control.

It had been hit by German anti-aircraft fire.

LANCASHIRE MAN KILLED IN SHANGHAI

H. Latham, the 36-year-old Briton, who was killed by hold-up men in a Shanghai post office yesterday, was born in Bolton, Lancashire. He came to Shanghai two and a half years ago, and is survived by his wife.

—Reuter.

O.B.E. FOR SKIPPER

When his ship was torpedoed by a German submarine Captain George Hammett ordered the crew to abandon the sinking vessel.

After 12 days on the high seas, they sighted land and beached the boat. Next day they put to sea again and reached port after a voyage of 850 miles.

Of 29 men only 10 survived, thanks to the courage and endurance of Captain Hammett and the Second Officer, Edward Leslie Barnes.

Capt. Hammett was yesterday appointed an officer of the Order of the British Empire, while Barnes was awarded the George Medal.—Reuter.

BOMBED FROM HOME AND SHOP

A West End antique dealer, applying at Westminster County Court to pay a debt of £60 at 10s. a month, said that his stock was destroyed by bomb blast.

All his best pieces of china and glass were in the window and all were smashed, he said. Five days later his house was damaged by blast. He was out of work, but had been offered a job at £3 a week.

When a solicitor suggested that £10 a month could be paid, and that it was a business that did not need a shop, Judge Austin Jones said: "That may be so, but it is not the kind of business that is flourishing just now."

An order to pay £4 a month was made.

NO DOUBTS FOR FRENCH MINDS

An indication of the United States' attitude to France was given by Rear-Admiral Leahy, the new American representative, in his first statement, issued in Vichy yesterday.

He said: "It will be made clear to the French Government that the United States is interested in the world situation—including the Far East—nor can any doubt

200 HOURS OVER ENEMY TERRITORY

Two hundred hours flying over enemy territory in just over three months is the record of a 21 year old Canadian pilot officer. He has packed so much adventure into that short period—and won the D.F.C.—that he finds it difficult to decide which was the most exciting trip.

He joined the R.A.F. two years ago, and one night in June undertook his first operational flight as navigator and second pilot.

"I don't think I shall ever forget that first trip", he said. "Our target was supply trains and railway lines south of Liege."

"As this was to be my baptism of fire the pilot wanted to let me down gently, so he kept the aircraft fairly high. My first impression of the 'ack-ack' was that it was pretty. It didn't strike me then that it was even dangerous, and I persuaded the pilot to go down a bit lower. I told him that this would give me a better opportunity to aim my bombs properly."

"The bombs hit the target fair and square and large pieces of twisted metal were thrown high into the air. The track for many yards was completely wrecked."

"This first journey was soon followed by 15 others and on each of these trips I was second pilot and navigator. On one occasion, just before we made our bombings, the pilot turned too quickly and we found ourselves in a spin. At the time we were only 800 ft. up and had our bomb doors open ready to make our attack."

"I rushed from my perch in the nose to the centre of the aircraft and unfused the bombs. We were then only a few feet above the treetops but the pilot managed to regain control in time."

"We then flew back to our target, whilst I fused the bombs again, and I am glad to say that after that almost spiral dive we had the pleasure of seeing some more railway lines blown sky high."

Other operations in which this pilot has taken part have been against enemy shipping, oil refineries, aircraft factories, Channel ports and objectives in Berlin and Stettin.

Twice he has had to abandon his aircraft over the North Sea, but on both occasions no lives were lost. The second "dip in the ocean" occurred when he was returning from Stettin. The bomber came down half a mile from the coast and within 200 yards of a friendly minesweeper, which picked the crew up and brought them safely to port.

"Then we were attacking Leuna chemical works" he said. "We flew so low that we only just missed the chimneys, and I noticed that there were only 10 of them. There were certainly 13 before the attack started."

GOOD SENTIMENT ON STOCK MARKET

There was a more general enquiry on the London Stock Exchange yesterday while President Roosevelt's speech favourably assisted sentiment. Among foreign issues both 4 per cent Belgian loans advanced from 46 to 50, while Chinese and Portuguese loans were well supported. Home rails and several textile shares were firmer on provincial support. Oils met speculative enquiry and some good gains were registered. Wall Street was quiet.—Reuter.

remain in French minds that the United States is aiding Britain to the limit of her ability."—Reuter.

AMY JOHNSON CRASH DRAMA

Naval Officer Succumbs Following Rescue Effort

GAOL FOR REFUSING BILLETS

People who refuse to billet evacuees may find themselves in court, faced with fines up to £50, or three months' imprisonment, as a result of recent revelations.

The Ministry of Health is likely to enforce its powers under the Defence Regulations with far greater severity. Close inquiry is to be made into every case.

Recently the "Daily Sketch" revealed that Welsh farmers in Carmarthenshire had refused to take in London mothers and children. Earlier similar reports came from Cornwall and Norfolk.

Officer's Denial

In the case of Wales, local billeting officers hotly denied the in-hospitality of the Welsh farmers.

A billeting officer at Carmarthen said: "It is true that some London mothers and their children went home, but they were a small number. Some of them found the loneliness of the country irksome after the town."

LOST GLASSES ---AND LIFE

Desperate efforts made by two men to save another who was leaning over the track at Piccadilly Tube station trying to retrieve his spectacles were described at an inquest, at Westminster, recently.

A verdict of "Accidental death" was recorded on James Stanley Benfold (48), of Princes Avenue, Enfield.

Mr. Hammond Watkinson, of New Southgate, said that he saw Benfold leaning over the edge of the platform as though reaching for something. He seemed to be finding it difficult to get back.

"I gripped him by one leg," added Mr. Watkinson, "and a Lieutenant-Colonel in mufti caught hold of the other one."

"We pulled him once but before we could pull a second time a train got him."

Little Doubt Of Death Of Aviatrice

A NAVAL COMMANDER who dived into the sea in an attempt to save a man seen in the water after a 'plane in which the British airwoman, Amy Johnson crashed on Sunday, died soon afterwards from exposure.

He was Lt.-Comm. W. E. Fletcher, commanding the British trawler Haslemere.

While forming part of the escort of a convoy off the Thames Estuary, the trawler saw a parachute descending through low clouds.

An aeroplane then landed on the water near the parachute.

The weather was very bad at the time, with a heavy sea running, and the aircraft immediately began to break up.

While a boat was being launched from the Haslemere those on board saw two survivors from the aircraft in the sea.

Woman Sank

One of these was seen to be a woman but she sank before rescue could be attempted.

Fletcher dived overboard from the Haslemere in an attempt to save the life of the other survivor.

Fletcher was seen to reach the man and to be supporting him in the water.

Later a naval motor launch arrived on the scene and picked up Fletcher, who was unconscious and suffering from extreme exhaustion and exposure.

No trace could be found of the man or woman who had been seen in the water.

Fletcher died soon after arriving in hospital. —Reuter.

HOUSE-WORK HUSBAND'S CURE

A man cured himself of neurosis caused by anxiety by taking over all the household duties and the care of three children while his wife went out to work.

The case is mentioned in an article by Col. G. W. B. James, physician for mental disease at St. Mary's Hospital, London, in the Lancet.

"One of my patients," writes Colonel James, "was unable to carry on with his work in a factory, collapsed at work with what he called complete exhaustion, and finally lost his job."

"But he could cycle from his home to St. Mary's and back about thirty miles."

"This man was an old anxiety case from the last war, and finally took over all the domestic work of the house and the care of the three small children and sent his wife out to work."

"Both of them have found it a satisfactory arrangement, and it has continued for over twelve years."

Cared For Children

"The man works hard from early morning to late at night without undue fatigue."

"LEAD US TO IT"

"We want to be led to the attack. Backed by the plaudits of all true Frenchmen, we can take Calais as soon as we have organised a new 51st Highland Division for the job."

General Sir Ian Hamilton said this at a meeting organised by the Ministry of Information at Inverness.

Sir Ian told of the epic resistance offered by the 51st Highland Division with the first B.E.F.

He gave fuller details of the story, already officially told, of the 51st's six weeks' fighting under French command, and their heroic attack on the German bridgeheads on the Somme.

"The Highland Division are reputed to have caused about 3,000 casualties to the Germans in the Somme and arrived on the Somme in great haste," he said. "They had a huge front to attack on and had little support from the French."

"They were under the command of French General Headquarters and never had a chance. The French always retired on their flanks and left them in the air."

AIR ATTACK HORSE IN CHANNEL SENSE IN BEATEN OFF RAIDS

IT WAS BITTERLY COLD IN THE CHANNEL OFF DOVER YESTERDAY, WITH A NORTH-EAST WIND AND DENSE MIST OVER THE SEA.

German planes in small numbers were reported during the day and some bombs were dropped.

Three fell in East Anglia, but only one did any damage, and there were no casualties.

German bombers made four attacks on two trawlers off the south-east coast.

They were greeted with fierce machine-gun fire and made off when a British fighter came up. —Reuter.

London's horses have become raid-conscious. As soon as they hear the siren they all pull-up of their own accord these days.

When their drivers loose them from the shafts they walk to the rear of the vehicles without being shown the way and patiently stand there until the "All clear."

"Then they seem to sense that all is well," a well-known West End veterinary surgeon told the press.

"In nine cases out of ten they get impatient if their drivers do not release them immediately to start on their rounds again."

Cats Know, Too

But not only horses know their way about in raids. In one severely bombed district two cats, evacuated once to a nearby animal centre because their homes were burned out, now return regularly to the centre every time the sirens go.

During the bombing of London there have been many "human" animal stories.

farmer."

They Are Afraid

"He buys up houses and lets every room to tenants."

"When the building is bombed and the people are homeless he pounces and demands the rent. The poor tenant is in many cases frightened into paying."

"Sometimes he hands over part of the rent and thereby commits himself."

"It is in the Minister's power to put a stop to it and he should do so at once."

CITY OF BENARES HEROINE DECORATED

A HEROINE OF THE liner "City of Benares," Miss Mary Alice Clara Cornish, has been awarded a medal of the Order of the British Empire for meritorious service.

The liner was torpedoed by a German submarine and sank in the Atlantic last September while carrying children evacuees and other passengers to Canada. A total of 250 lives were lost, including 79 children.

Mr. Ronald Mitchell Cooper, Fourth Officer of the liner, has been appointed Member of the Order.

The official account, issued in London last evening, states that Cooper got his boat away from the sinking ship and, largely through his courage and seamanship, the boat, with 46 persons aboard, was brought safely through eight days sailing in the Atlantic, all the occupants being rescued.

Devotion To Duty

Miss Cornish was one of the "escorts" travelling in charge of children. When the liner struck she assembled on deck children for whom she was responsible and then returned below to see if there were any others in need of aid.

While in the lifeboat Miss Cornish devoted herself to saving the children, massaging them to preserve circulation, encouraging them in exercises, and inventing cheerful games. The whole party was rescued. —Reuter.

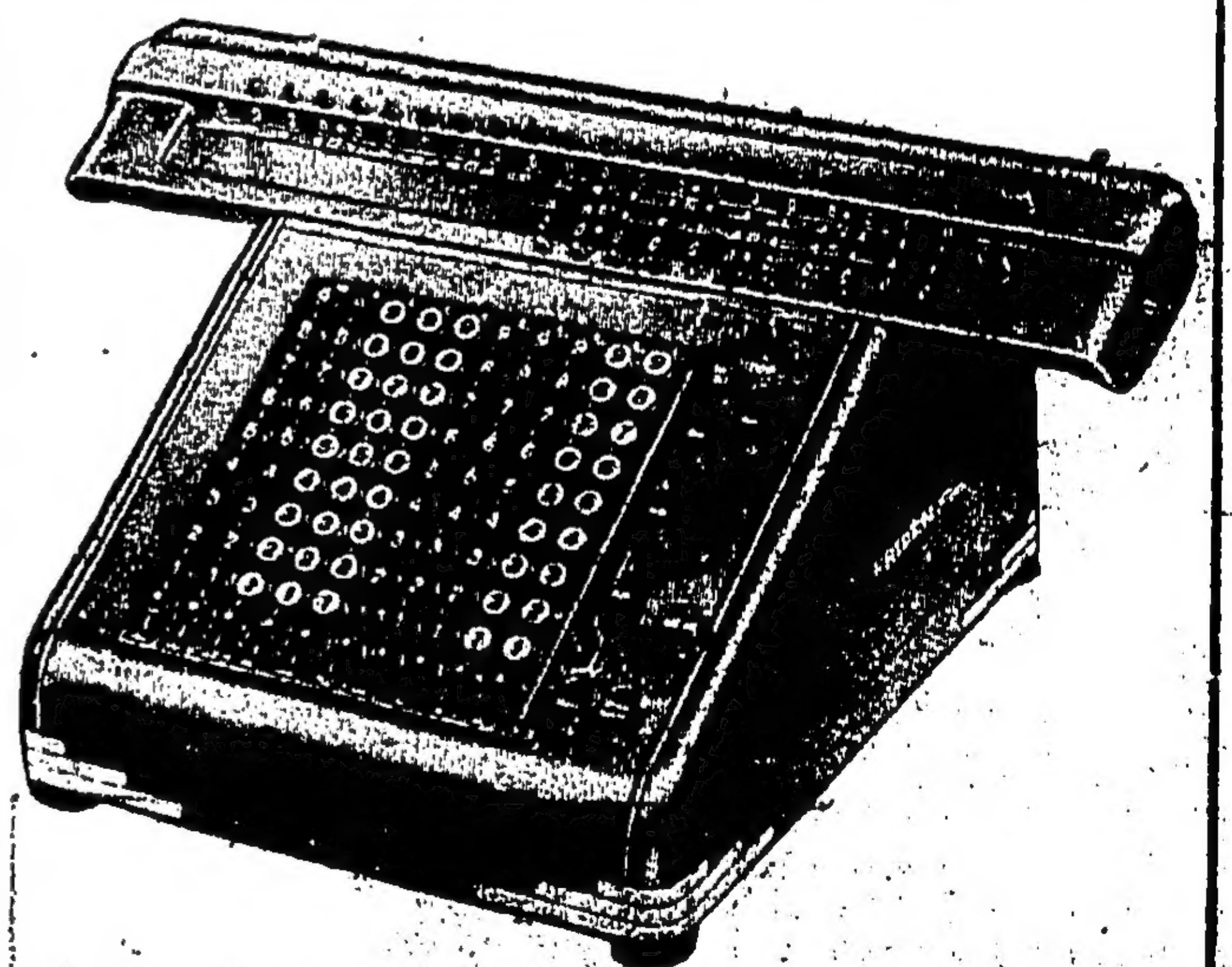
ITALY'S BUDGET DEFICIT

ITALY'S FINANCIAL DEFICIT LAST YEAR WAS £350,000,000 IT WAS OFFICIALLY REVEALED IN ROME YESTERDAY.

About three-quarters of this was due to preparations for the present war. —Reuter.

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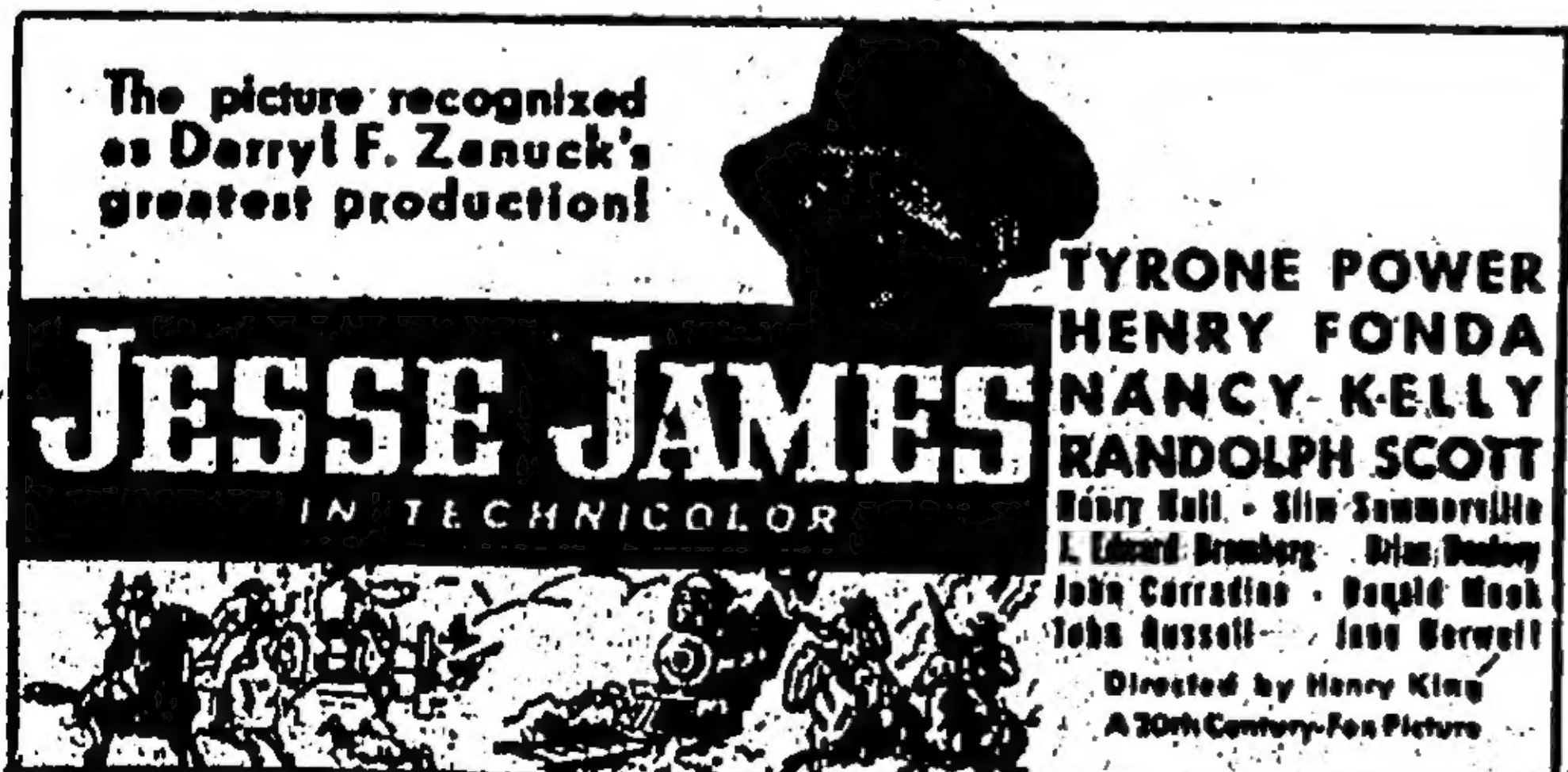
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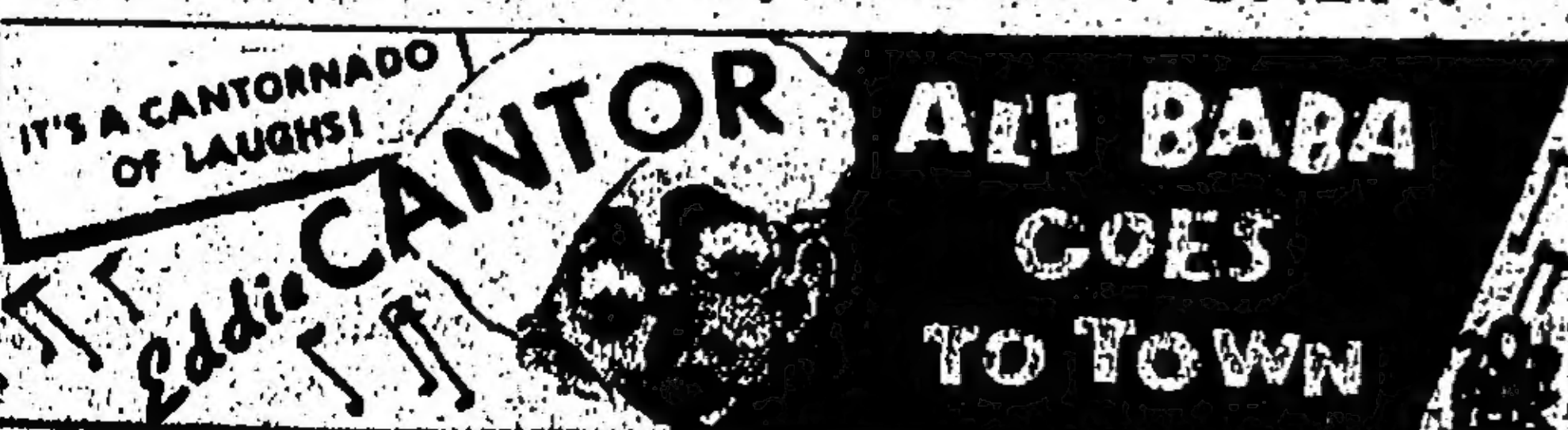
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70,000 PRISONERS TAKEN IN WESTERN DESERT

THE SCALE OF THE British successes in the Western Desert can be gauged from facts made available in London yesterday.

Since the first attack on December 9 — just under a month ago — it is estimated that our Imperial and Allied troops have put 94,000 Italians out of action.

Of these, 70,000 are prisoners. In an attempt to minimise this success Rome has been claiming that the majority of these troops are Libyans. This is easily proved untrue.

During these operations, we have taken or destroyed:—

Three Italian regular Divisions (about 39,000 men);

Two "Blackshirt" Divisions (about 24,000 men);

One whole mechanised Division (about 7,000 men).

In addition, we have destroyed two Libyan Divisions, of about 14,000 men, and some 10,000 supply and corps troops. It is assumed that those not taken prisoner are either casualties or men able to escape.

A vast quantity of war material of all kinds has also been taken, but it is impossible as yet to give any details. — Reuter.

"LIKE A GERMAN BAND"

Fighter pilots coin some apt descriptions when telling their Intelligence Officers just what happened. One who landed safely after being hit by a cannon shell, was asked what it felt like.

"You know how a German band starts off," he said immediately. "There's a little 'chuff-chuff-chuff' and then 'bang' goes the big drum and the band is playing. It was just like a German band when the drum kicks off."

Another, who had baled out, said: "It was lovely—so peaceful. I had a good look round as I came down. Then when I landed, I could find no-one. It was with a shock that I realised there was an air raid on and I'd been in it!"

Then there was the squadron leader who described a formation of enemy aircraft, stepped up in the sky, as making him feel "like looking up the escalator at Piccadilly Circus". Another said a formation looked like "a big black carpet in the sky".

One pilot who landed with his Spitfire riddled with holes was asked: "Where'd you get that piece of lace?"

But one of the best, perhaps was provided by a Polish pilot who speaks little English. He had shot down a Messerschmidt, and said: "It was so simple. I shoot — So... Whoomph! Then I go Whoomph once, more. The Messerschmidt—he catch fire and goes down... boom. He is so surprised."

ORANGES FOR TROOPS

ORANGE GROWERS IN PALESTINE HAVE SHOWN THEIR APPRECIATION OF THE SUCCESS OF THE WESTERN DESERT CAMPAIGN BY SENDING 10,000 CASES OF ORANGES AND GRAPE-FRUIT TO THE TROOPS.

The warm tribute to General Ismael Sheikh, who has given him a ceremonial sword. — Reuter.

POSED AS OFFICER, ARRESTED

A man who wanted to think he was somebody important, found himself in the Police Court at Liverpool.

He was a ship's fitter named Francis Alec Bennett (46), of Boswell Street, Bootle, and he was remanded on bail accused of wearing without authority a uniform of a ship's officer of the Merchant Service.

For the prosecution, it was said that detectives noticed Bennett, while wearing the uniform of a chief officer of the Merchant Navy, was incorrectly dressed because his trousers were turned up.

When arrested, Bennett said: "I thought I should enjoy myself much better with this on. It makes people think you are some body."

BARDIA GARRISON SACRIFICED

One of the most remarkable features of the shelling of Bardia from the sea was that the Italian Navy did not even try to intervene, a London naval spokesman commented yesterday.

The Italian Fleet, he pointed out, had a great opportunity to attack and if it had done so, our Fleet would have been obliged to give up the bombardment in order to defend itself.

Except for a few raiding planes, however, the Italian High Command made no attempt to relieve the pressure on the garrison at Bardia.

Italian prisoners themselves have commented on the absence of sea and air assistance.

They were disconcerted by the absence of planes, while Italian pilots say that plenty of petrol was available but they received no orders to go up. — Reuter.

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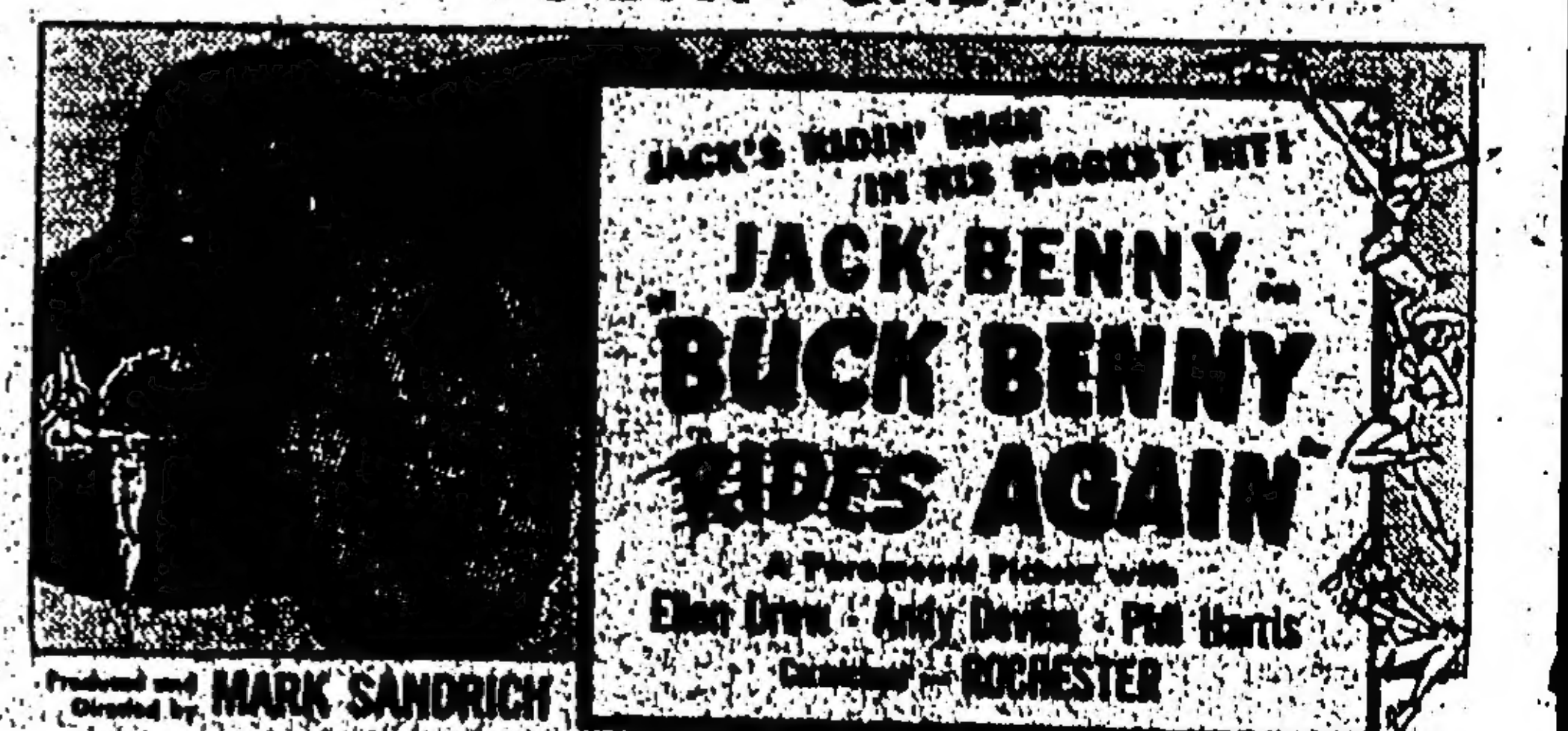
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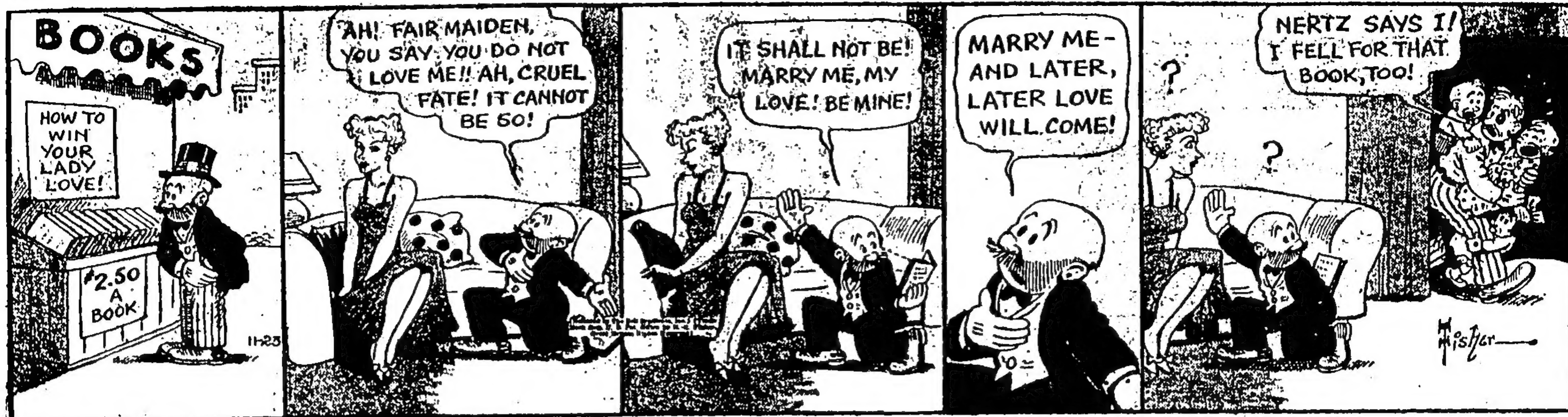
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KEEN POLISH EYES

Polish fighter pilots have unusually good eyesight.

"They can see a 'Hun' miles away," one British pilot said. "I have good eyesight but these Poles are surprising. They've called my attention to German aircraft long before I could see them."

A Polish aviator explained it in this way:

"We in Poland had very poor radio-telephony poor, compared with the British radio, I mean. Where your pilots are trained to have keen ears as well as keen eyes, our men had to get used to relying almost entirely on their eyes."

Another explanation is given by a British squadron commander who had fought often with the Poles.

"Poland's atmosphere is much clearer than ours," he says. "You can see great distances there, and the Polish airmen, in training, automatically got used to focussing their eyes on points ten and twenty miles away."

"Their eyes grew accustomed to seeing great distances and I think that in England they are able to see further than we are. There is no doubt that they can often see an enemy when we cannot."

Our flight lieutenant who helped the Poles in their training, and was posted to their squadron, said: "I can give you a good example

PULLING THE 'MICKEY MOUSE'

Nobody knows who first gave the nickname of "Mickey Mouse" to the electrical distributor which releases the bombs from the racks of R.A.F. bombers. The name goes back four years at least, but its origin is now a mystery.

Pulling his "Mickey Mouse" is the last and simplest action in a series of highly intricate moves which fall to the lot of the bomb-aimer. In the very earliest days of air bombing, sighting was a primitive matter; there were no proper instruments and bombs

of what they are like. One murky day, in training, we were sent up to 'intercept' some Blenheims flying on a given course. There were clouds and goodness knows what in the sky.

"Suddenly one Pole called over the radio telephone that he had seen the Blenheims. I couldn't see a thing but clouds, so I told him to lead on. He led the formation, and believe me, it was some time before I spotted the Blenheims. In fact we were in a perfect position for an attack by the time I had seen them."

were dropped largely by guess-work. The bomb-aimer, for instance, might squint down past the leading edge of the wing, releasing his bombs as the target came into line with it. It was the best he could do, and small wonder that bombing was a very inaccurate business.

Nowadays the bomb-aimer needs to be a mathematician and a lightning calculator. With the aid of a "ready reckoner," known as the Computer, he allows for height, speed and wind direction, atmospheric pressure and temperature, and adjusts his bomb-sight accordingly. He must also allow for the "trail-angle" of the bomb, that is to say its direction on release. This depends on its shape and weight.

In peace time practice bombing there is little to distract the bomb-aimer while he makes these calculations. In war, he is up against enemy fire and he has to set his bomb sight with the least possible delay. To save time the target maps and photographs are often memorised before the aircraft takes off.

At the moment of bombing it is the bomb-aimer who gives the pilot direction. The bomb sight is now set and the run across the target is made. It is essential that the aircraft be kept on an even keel and that its course, air speed and height should remain constant during the few precious seconds of the run in.

The bomb-aimer is forward in his cockpit, connected by telephone with the pilot.

"Left-left," he says, "right a little. Right a little more. S straight ahead."

His eyes are on the bomb sight and his hand on the Mickey Mouse. "Now" . . . and round goes the handle.

It is all over in less than half a minute—in considerably less if the anti-aircraft fire is too near.

The release of even the heaviest bombs comes as no more than a faint sensation to the crew—"You feel them go." But the pilot notices that the aircraft is considerably lighter on the controls. Hearts too, are lighter as the aircraft turns away and heads for home.

"KHAKE" POTATO OUSTS THE "PLAIN BOILED"

Potatoes in their "khaki" jackets will replace the "plain boiled" on the tables of many restaurants this winter.

Already catering firms are taking to heart the advice of the Ministry of Food that potatoes cooked in their jackets provide more nourishment and less waste than those peeled before cooking.

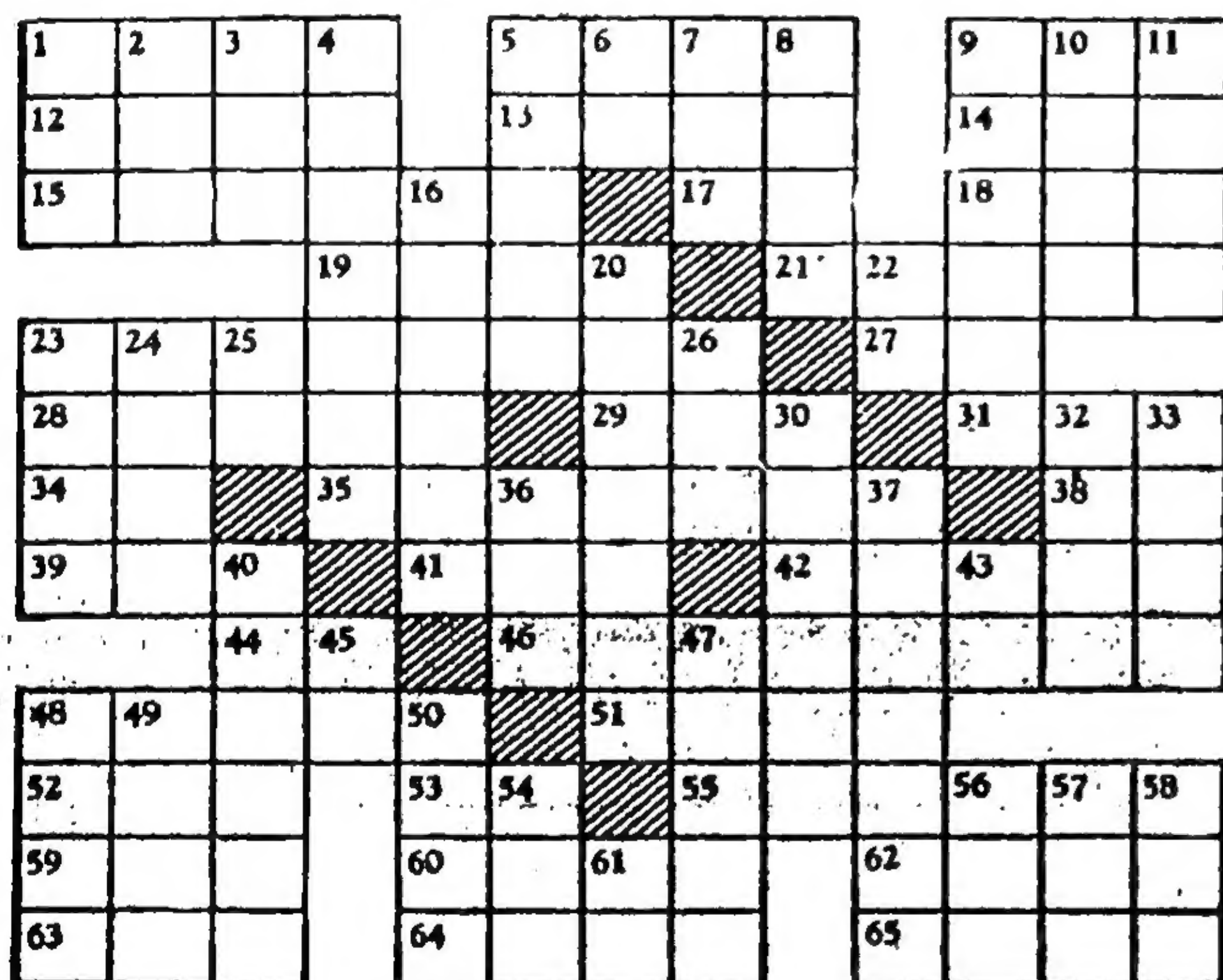
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- 34 Note of scale
- 35 Fabled monster, half-man, half-horse
- 38 Above
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- 4 Pertaining to the sea
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- 6 Symbol for ruthenium
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9 European country

- 10 Small carrying-case
- 11 Cavity
- 16 Escaped
- 20 Oriental
- 22 Part of "to be"
- 23 Auction
- 24 Russian given name
- 25 Negative
- 26 Australian bird
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- 32 Philippine archipelago
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- 36 Wooden pin
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- 44 Either
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SNOB SNEERS AT CANADA'S LACK OF SOCIAL SNOBBERY

LADY CECIL DOUGLAS, wife of Lord Cecil Charles Douglas, and sister-in-law of the Marquis of Queensberry, now an evacuee in Canada, has a complaint to make about the Canadians. She says they fail to recognise British social distinctions.

"They treat the English person of title in the same way as they treat Mrs. Smith of the suburbs," Lady Douglas told the Montreal correspondent of a London paper. "They pretend not to appreciate titles, and the lumping together of all classes of evacuees has caused friction."

Lady Douglas, whose small daughter, Susan Jean, is with her, is one of many hundreds of English mothers who, with their children, are seeking in Canada a refuge from Hitler's bombs.

The hospitable and democratic Canadians are giving them a cordial welcome, and their generosity is becoming a by-word, but their indifference to titles and their lack of obsequiousness is irritating her ladyship.

Lady Douglas made her complaint when the correspondent went to see her at her exclusive Montreal hotel to ask her opinion on why there had been some friction between a small number of the evacuees and their hosts.

"One trouble," she said, "is that the Canadians cannot, or will not, recognise the various British social classes," she said, and added her remarks about the treatment of persons of title.

At the same time, Lady Douglas paid tribute to the hospitality and generosity of the Canadians.

She told them how they had endowed several English mothers and children with incomes over £23 a week.

He watched Canadian women who work ten hours daily for the welfare of British child evacuees and their mothers.

He saw thousands of soldiers drilling. And all over Montreal he saw the slogan: "There'll always be an England," prominently displayed.

"Sea Of Champagne"

Pondering this selfless devotion of these Canadians to the war for world democracy, words about "class not being recognised" echoed in his ears, and seemed horribly out of place.

Lady Douglas was formerly Mrs. R. St. B. Kirkley, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. de Vere

Fenn. She married Lord Cecil Douglas in 1927.

Their daughter Susan Jean was born in February last year—eleven years after the wedding.

In June Susan had her christening party, at which she was described as being "launched on a sea of champagne." She had a saltspoonful of champagne in her bottle of orange juice.

Among the baby's presents were a pearl necklace, a solitaire diamond ring and a pearl and diamond brooch set in platinum.

PEER DISASSOCIATES HIMSELF FROM THIS "SNOBBISHNESS"

THE MARQUIS of Queensberry, in a letter to the Editor of the "Daily Mirror," dissociates himself from the "snobbishness" of Lady Cecil Douglas, his sister-in-law. Lady Cecil Douglas, who is an evacuee with her baby daughter in Canada, sneered at "Mrs. Smith of Suburbia."

She complained that Canadians failed to recognise British social distinctions.

In his letter the Marquis says that Lady Cecil Douglas "would be well advised to practise herself the 'breeding' to which she appears to attach such ridiculous importance."

Own Children There

"Since my own children are at present enjoying the hospitality of generous Canadians," the Marquis adds, "I would like to dissociate myself from the vulgarity and snobbishness which, it is alleged, was expressed by

AXIS LIES TELL TALE OF FAILURE

During the Battle of France a wise man said:—"I don't like the way this is going. Have you been reading the German reports?"

"They are all temperate and credible, and where you can check them they agree with our own. Germans only tell the truth when they're doing so well that they don't need to lie. I'm afraid we shall have some bad news soon," writes a correspondent.

I find it very cheering to think of that conversation now, writes a correspondent. Applying the same principle, you can see very clearly from the enemy's reports how badly he thinks he is doing in the Battle of Britain.

Before me lies a collection of extracts from German and Italian newspapers and broadcasts. Taken in sum, it presents a picture of London under the blitzkrieg in which the enemy's wish is not merely father to his thought, but its entire ancestry.

On Sept. 17, for example, the German wireless described in French how nobody, not even a foreign journalist, was allowed to leave London—though a visa to do so might be obtainable in very exceptional cases—and in Flemish how Londoners were tumbling over each other to escape from the doomed city. How a bilingual Belgian who listened to both these broadcasts could be expected to believe both of them at once does not seem to have occurred to their authors.

All Self-Control Lost

On Sept. 18 the German-controlled Radio Paris reached a high plane of imaginative fiction with this:

"The 7,000,000 Londoners have entirely lost their self-control. They run aimlessly about in the streets and are the victims of bombs and bursting shells. Complete demoralisation prevails among the fleeing population, screaming, shouting and breaking through the police cordons."

In all the collection I can find only one example of the truth being used for the purpose of legitimate propaganda. On Sept. 18 Lord Woolton said that the damage to our food supply was not more than could be made up if the population said they would go without one meal. Next day the German wireless made the most of this remark by saying that according to the Food Minister the population would have to go without 48,000,000 meals.

This, however, was not colourful enough for the Italians. According to their broadcast, what Lord Woolton had said was that "the British henceforth will have to renounce one of their meals."

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AXIS DOOM SEALED

A hundred years of Anglo-American history reached their culmination in Congress yesterday when President Roosevelt's colossal scale lend-or-lease plan of aid to Britain was enthusiastically endorsed, in principle, by the American Parliament.

Congressmen from all over the country, by their unmistakable acceptance of President Roosevelt's programme, brusquely announced to the Totalitarian aggressor states that a halt has been called, that their doom is sealed.

No-one is surprised by the American decision. The rejection of President Roosevelt's bold leadership alone could have provoked surprise. Throughout the periods of ups and downs in Anglo-American relations, both have realised that they are partners in a high companionship, the foundation of which is that they speak the same tongue and derive their political institutions from the same source. Whatever else Britons and Americans have forgotten, they have never forgotten the Democratic ideal which inspired the Fathers of the Republic as it inspired the British reformers of the Nineteenth Century.

The growth in friendliness in the past thirty years has come about in the best possible way—spontaneously and from the recognition that Britain and America are the stewards of posterity as the guardians of the liberty and freedom of the human family. That sentiment reached its peak when it became clear that Germany was bent on destroying not only the liberties of mankind but its dignity as men and when the people of London showed resolutely how much they were prepared to endure for the common cause.

To-day we find Britain and the United States more united in aim and understanding than any two great Powers have been within recorded time. Neither has an axe to grind in this war. Both are fighting dictatorship and the onslaught in East and West upon human rights and privileges.

America has yet to cross the Rubicon by declaring war and it may never be necessary. She has proclaimed her sympathies beyond misunderstanding, at first in words

"Had Acre fallen, I would have changed the face of the world."—Napoleon.

THE most famous town on all the Syrian coast is undoubtedly Acre—the key to Palestine, as Napoleon called it. It has sadly shrunk in these last years, and looks across the wide bay to Haifa which backed by the range of Carmel, spreads out in all directions. Acre has now about 8,000 inhabitants and Haifa 80,000.

Though Haifa thrives with vitality and Acre is moribund, yet I recall Acre with a greater pleasure. For the glamour of a heroic past is over it all. The narrow streets are certainly more picturesque than agreeable to live in.

But a more motley crowd can be seen nowhere than the wild Bedouins, the Syrians, the Druses with their striped overcoats and white turbans, the veiled women that crowd the streets, and above all soars the most beautiful, fairy-like minaret in all the East, that of the Mosque Izzar, from which float over the city the musical notes of the muezzin as he calls the faithful to pray: "There is no God but Allah, and Mohammed is his prophet. Come to prayer, for prayer is better than sleep."

Here the Crusaders made their last stand. That was in 1291; after a month's bloody and desperate struggle the town was captured.

But the great lesson that Acre teaches us to-day comes from a little mound a quarter mile or so to the east known as Napoleon's

bill. There the Corsican placed his artillery park when he besieged Acre, and thence he rained destruction on the city.

How the siege began and how it terminated may well be pondered to-day. In the year 1798 Napoleon set out for the East with a fleet and an army of 38,000 seasoned troops. "This little Europe

By Dr. Norman MacLean

is too small a field," he declared; "great celebrity can be won only in the East."

He occupied Malta without a blow; and a crushing victory gave him possession of Cairo and Lower Egypt. But finding himself in the midst of a fanatical Mohammedan population, he realised he must win their support.

Alexander the Great in the Temple of Ammon had declared himself the son of Jupiter, and "that one act did more to assure his conquests than if he had summoned 120,000 Macedonians to his aid." Napoleon must needs do the like. To the sixty Ulemas that guarded Islamic orthodoxy in Cairo he discoursed on the state of his "devout and trembling soul."

He proclaimed himself a Mohammedan, and asserted that there was good ground to expect

the whole French nation to be converted to Islam, and he set about preparing designs for a mosque big enough to contain the whole French Army.

Having thus secured the support of Islam, Napoleon set out with a great army to capture Constantinople and so found the empire of the East. But here at Acre he came to grief. For there he met an Englishman, Smith by name (Admiral Sir Sidney Smith, 1764-1840), who refused to surrender the town.

The siege began. Whatever losses Sydney Smith sustained from the artillery park were made up to him from the sea. Acre could not be starved, for food was continually pouring in from the sea; it could not be taken by assault, for fresh troops were pouring into it from the sea.

The plain man, Smith by name, compelled Napoleon to retreat. He stole back to France, leaving his army to its fate in Egypt. That was Napoleon's first experience of the decisiveness of sea power.

"Had it not been for the English I would have been Emperor of the East," he declared afterwards; "but wherever there is water to float a ship we are sure to find you in our way."

Looking back on his life, Napoleon had no doubt as to the momentous issues which were decided at Acre. "Had Acre fallen, I would have changed the face of the world"—that was how he summed it up.

After all, that bartering of his

soul for an empire of the East, with the Ulemas in Cairo, served him little. When men sink to a bartering of that sort, the soul is doubtless lost, but the world is not gained.

The man at whose feet the emperors and kings of Europe knelt in homage stole away from the East beaten by a man whose commonplace name was Smith.

It is only when one ponders the aftermaths that one realises the supreme place of this little grey-walled town in the history of the world. Within two years thereafter Napoleon's troops were quartered upon conquered nations from the heel of Italy to the Hook of Holland, and the tributes of the vanquished poured into his treasury. By a combination of subject-Europe he sought to destroy Britain.

"Nature," he said, "designed England to be a French island like Corsica." When the difficulty of invading England was pointed out, "the Channel," he exclaimed, "is a ditch which needs but a pinch of courage to cross."

All Europe cowered at his feet. He captured Berlin, and issued the Berlin Decrees closing every port in Europe against Britain. He would "conquer the sea by the land."

He swept nations before him like chaff before the wind; he galvanised a whole continent into movement at his nod; he hurled armies over deserts and over mountain ranges.

The marvel of this man's personality and of the power that emanated from him, grows when we remember that there were no telegrams, no steamers, no railways, no wireless in those days, and yet in a world of slow movement and retarded communication Napoleon pervaded and shaped and moulded the world as a potter the clay. He crashes his way to Berlin; he sweeps through Italy; "I shall be in Vienna in a month," he declares—he is there in three weeks; he rushes to Madrid and sets up there a Corsican dynasty. But there Wellington holds grimly the trenches—there the ulcer that drained his life blood is slowly running.

At the last it was not the Russians that defeated him. Fire and snow and frost and hunger—these, the elemental undefeatable forces were his executioners. "God Almighty has been too much for me," he said when he was laid low at last.

Such was the man who retired, felled and beaten by a plain Englishman, from the gates of Acre. In the light of history that event looms bigger and bigger.

Why was it that Acre overcame Ajaccio, that Galilee conquered Corsica? The best and most comprehensive answer to that question has been given by Marshal Foch:

"He failed, they say, because he was without Berthier. I do not think so. In 1814 it is explained that he was already ill. Perhaps. But in my view the deep reason for the disaster that overwhelmed him must be sought elsewhere. He forgot that a man cannot be God; that above the individual there is the nation; that above man there is the moral law, and that war is not the highest good, since above war there is peace."

He forgot God; he forgot the moral law; his word could not be relied on; his signature to a treaty was worthless, for he broke every treaty he signed.

When he offered Britain peace for the last time Pitt rejected the offer because "the offer is deceptive. . . . Because it is untrue, worthy." On the rock of Truth, he made shipwreck.

The way of tyrants is ever the same. No peace to-day because the dictator is up against the law of Truth—up against God. . . .

That is why Acre overcame Ajaccio; why St. Helena received Napoleon; why the Warrior in Shining Armour found refuge in Doorn; and to-day, as of old, as certain as the sun is in high heaven, the enemies of the truth, the blood-stained persecutors who make us ashamed of our common humanity, will be left at last with but the moan:—

"Which way I fly is hell, Myself am hell."

If this little town of Acre foiled Napoleon and burst the bubble of his empire of the East, let us be of good cheer. The "Ersatz Napoleon" of to-day will be crushed by the same forces which grind the law-breakers into powder.

A Jug Of Oil

By F. Sternberg

EXPERTS agree that in the war of 1914-18 it was the superiority of the Allies in oil which helped them to victory. The Allied powers deemed the importance of oil great enough to induce Clemenceau to cable to President Wilson on December 15, 1917, "A jug of oil is worth a jug of blood."

Next to iron and coal, two raw materials essential for armament production, oil is of truly decisive value in modern industrialised wars. Britain produces no substantial quantities of oil at home. But she still controls the commercial sea lanes, the oceans. As long as she can retain this control, she will be able to secure an uninterrupted flow of oil supplies from overseas as was the case during the war of 1914-18.

What is Germany's position in this respect? German production, both natural and synthetic, supplied the Reich with about 3,500,000 tons of oil in 1938-39, while a maximum increase will, it is estimated, bring this figure up to 4,000,000 tons for 1940.

In 1936, Rumanian oil production reached its peak with 8,600,000 tons, but in 1939 it amounted to only 6,200,000 tons. Rumanian oil exports dropped from 6,900,000 tons in 1936 to 4,000,000 tons in 1939. About one fourth of the total export, 960,000 tons, went to Germany last year. Even if we assume that Germany will be able to procure the bulk of Rumania's export, her annual oil supply will amount to only 7,000,000 tons.

During the previous war, the Allies consumed 600,000 tons of oil on the front each month. To-day, however, with the huge air arm, tanks and speedy troop movements, considerably more will be needed to keep the war machine running. Generally, it is estimated that a first-rate power requires 12,000,000 to 20,000,000 tons of oil each year to permit adequate operations in a "real" war.

Thus the important question arises: What about Soviet oil? What are the possibilities of progress in the Soviet oil industry and of the export of Soviet oil to Germany?

and now in deeds of which there can be ultimately only one logical fulfilment. Against the combined resources of the British Empire and the United States, those of Germany and her satellites are as dust in the balance.

The U.S.S.R. is Europe's foremost oil producing country, occupying a world position second only to the United States. Even though Soviet production amounts to but ten per cent of the total world production, it is estimated that the Soviet Union possesses about 6,370,000,000 tons of still exploitable reserves, which means that about half of the world's total oil reserves are in Soviet soil.

With such an immense hidden wealth at her disposal, the Soviet Union should be in a good position to increase her own production considerably above the 30,000,000 tons which she produces at present, and most of which she needs herself.

It was by no means an accident that Russia's domestic oil consumption grew so rapidly during recent years. During those years, Soviet agriculture became one of the main consumers of oil. Tractors replaced horses.

Were Soviet agriculture to be deprived of tractors and the oil required for their operation, Stalin's regime would encounter considerable difficulties in agricultural production. Even if Stalin wished to, he could not possibly lead Soviet agriculture back to the now obsolete system of individual small farming. Yet, if collectivisation is to be retained in its present form and on its present level, tractors and oil not only are important but represent vital necessities.

The breakdown of the tractors or an interruption of oil supplies would bring about famine. Therefore it would hardly be feasible for Stalin ever to deprive Soviet agriculture of, let us say, 20,000,000 tons of oil simply to help Germany conduct her war. This step would be tantamount to suicide, and Stalin has never exhibited a suicidal mood.

There remains the second possibility, increase of Soviet production. Over a period of several years, attempts were made to increase production not only by forced exploitation of the Baku-Grozny district but by opening up a second oil base in Asia. The most important fields are situated in a triangle composed by the Ural River, the Emba River and the Orenburg Railway.

Towards the end of 1935, a pipeline five hundred and twenty-six miles long was laid from Gurev to Orsk. The production poten-

tialities of these Asiatic fields are enormous. While the Baku-Grozny region contains about twenty-nine per cent of the total Russian oil reserves, this new Asiatic region contains about one third.

The oil is very rich, with about thirty per cent of benzine as against six per cent for the Baku and ten per cent for the Grozny oil. The development of this second oil base in Asia is proceeding within the framework of the Soviet Union's far-reaching policy of rapid industrialisation.

Aside from the increase of oil production in general, the primary aim in opening up these fields has been the creation of an expanding industry in Asia. Several considerations induced the Soviet Government to push this matter. First, it has always considered a war against Japan within the realm of close possibilities. The conduct of such a war by the Far Eastern army would be greatly facilitated by supplying it from bases nearer to the theatre of war—that is, from Asiatic instead of more distant production centres.

Second, in a war against Germany, Russia would be greatly dependent on the best utilisation of its enormous space. The further removed the secondary bases of production and the greater Asia's share in total production, the longer would Russia be able to conduct a war even if her European frontier regions should be lost to the enemy.

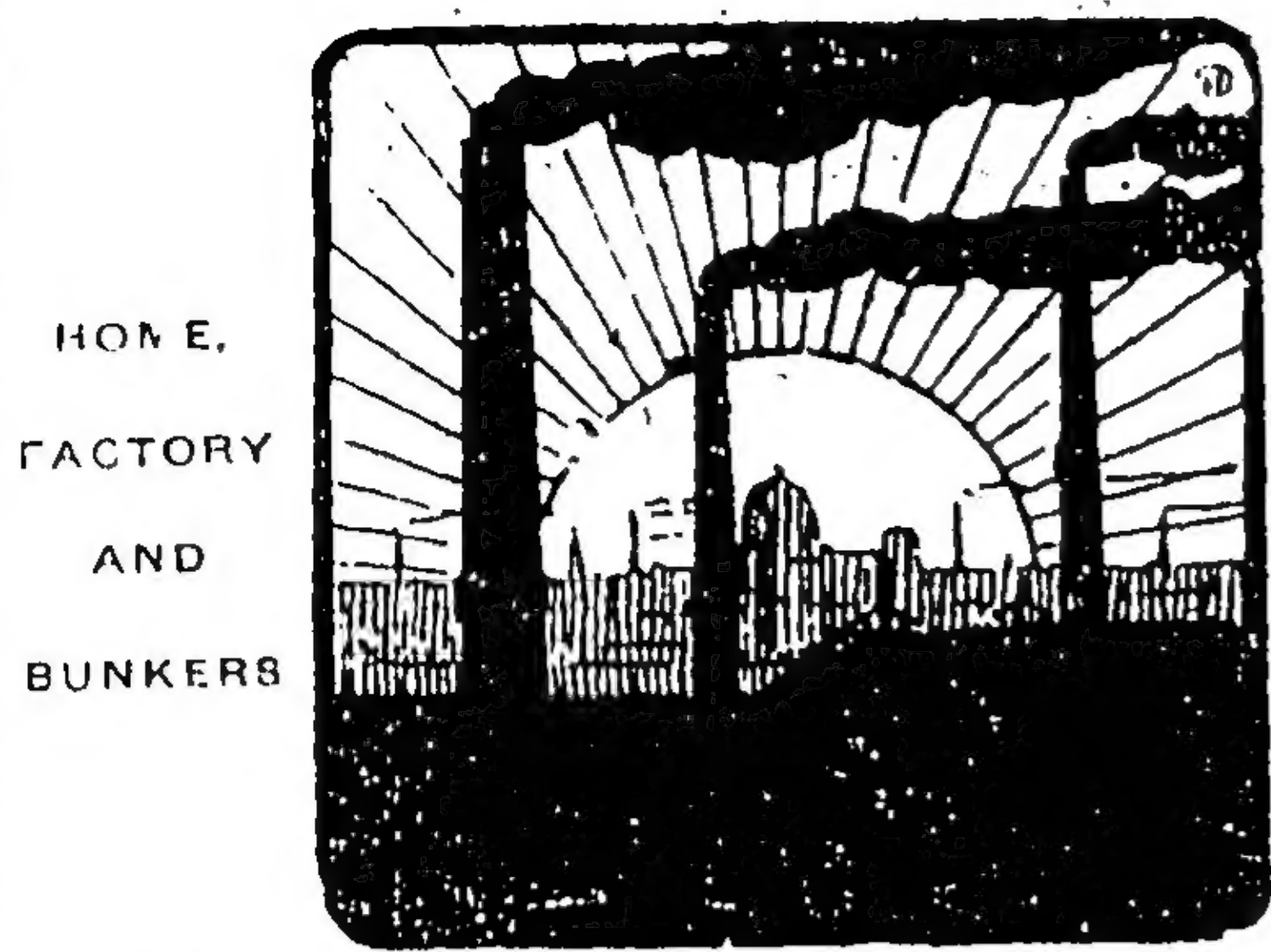
Third, it is obvious that Russia's vulnerability is reduced if her vital industries are taken out of the range of enemy attack.

Handicapped by transportation difficulties, the Soviet Union strives to maintain her oil export on its present level. But there can be no doubt that during the early stages of this war, Soviet oil export dropped below the 1,000,000 ton mark. In 1938, Germany imported 81,000 tons of oil from the Soviet Union while six years before, in 1932, her imports were around 500,000. It is possible that Soviet oil exports to Germany will once again reach the 1932 level. The attempts at creating a second oil base in Asia have passed their early stages of trial and error, yet the present war will necessarily slow down further developments, even if the Soviet Union remains aloof from the war. In addition, the material consumption of the Red Army increases from month to month.

It should be deemed a considerable success if the new Asiatic fields supply one eighth of the Soviet oil production. However, under such conditions the Soviet Union will be unable to support Germany with oil.

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There they go, the Marx Brothers — Groucho, Chico and Harpo—with pretty Diana Lewis, all heading Horace Greely's advice in a picture of the same name, "Go West."

**CAMERA PHOTOGRAPHS
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THE MOST-PHOTOGRAPHED objects in London to-day are companies' records.

Millions of index cards, sales and purchase accounts, and correspondence are being photographed, so that if the originals are bombed or burned, duplicates are immediately available.

Insurance companies, banks, shops—every type of commercial and professional concern — are doing it. It is one way of defeating the German attempt to dislocate business.

It is ironical that the specially designed apparatus which is being used to speed up the output of photographs is the invention of a young German Jew. He is a refugee from Nazi terror.

His cameras are capable of taking 1500 shots on 500ft. 35mm. films.

One of the first people who foresaw the necessity for the speedy duplication of records is a Londoner, Leo Landseer, waiting to be called up by the R.A.F. as a reconnaissance photographer.

£4,000 Order

He bought the patent rights of the invention and with his seven crews of photographers is working night and day. Landseer is known as a Society and stage and screen star photographer.

One of the biggest jobs was a £4,000 order from a railway company. It involved close on a million photographs.

Parish church records of births, marriages and death, rare books, from museums and private collections, and ledgers of the Pawnbrokers' Benevolent Institution, dating back to 1830, are among the work.

These century-old entries were almost illegible, but the camera-man's technique makes the photographs as clear as the entries were when they were made.

Leo Landseer went to Munich when he was 18 to study medicine. His hobby—photography—brought him a job at the U.F.A. film studios near Berlin, where he eventually rose to a director of photography at a salary of £50 a week.

£10 A Thousand

When Hitler came, he went. The man who got him the job—he met him in a Munich beer garden—invented the new apparatus which Landseer is now using.

"Some of our customers have as many as three sets of records, but most are satisfied with the sets of negatives."

Mr. Landseer said: "It needs two men to do each job. One does the actual photographing while the other 'poses' the object and removes clips, pins and tapes, opens and smooths the pages."

"A number of our jobs are photographing records already partially burned or destroyed."

"Vital plans, valuable documents, even marriage certificates are being photographed."

Mr. Landseer's jobs earn him about £10 a thousand pictures instead of his peace-time ten guineas a dozen for pictures of Society women.

**BOMB UNIT
SAVED--BY
RED TAPE**

Red tape made history recently by saving the lives of men of a bomb disposal unit in the north-east of England.

It is no credit to the muddlers responsible—but a squad of Royal Engineers are blessing them for all that.

The story concerns a time bomb, a local surveyor, a county council and a village water pump.

One day a high flying Nazi plane dropped the bomb in a field.

"A Dud—"

There it remained for some days. Eventually experts decided that it must be a dud and set their men to dig it out.

By Saturday noon the fms had been uncovered, but subterranean springs caused the hole to fill. The only way to deal with it was to get a pump going. So nine men went to see the local surveyor.

Could they please borrow the village pump for urgent military work?

The surveyor was sorry but he would have to get permission from the county council. But he could not get in touch with them then because it was after noon and, of course, county council officials did not work on Saturday afternoons.

Telephone calls brought no reply. The surveyor was sorry. What more could he do?

Explosion Settled It

Then while red tape debated matters, a weighty roar shattered

**MARKED
OUT LIVE
BOMBS**

When enemy bombers heavily attacked an R.A.F. Fighter Command station, a twenty-eight-year-old W.A.A.F. sergeant was on duty in the station armoury. Though a large amount of ammunition was stored near her office, she manned the telephone, passing instructions to the various defence posts.

She shouted words of encouragement to the airmen in the building, and when the raid was over, calmly went outside and began to peg out with red flags all the places on the aerodrome where unexploded bombs were buried.

Her commanding officer said of her afterwards: "Her exceptional courage and coolness had a great moral effect on all those with whom she came in contact."

Her name is Joan Eugene Mortimer, and her identity is revealed in the official announcement that she had been awarded the Military Medal.

First Awards

They are: Assistant Section Officer (then Corporal) Elspeth Candlish Henderson, age twenty-seven, whose home is in Edinburgh, and Sergeant Helen Emily Turner, whose home is in London.

This is the first time a military decoration like the Military Medal has been awarded to women members of the Royal Air Force.

Corporal Henderson and Sergeant Turner were on duty in a building which received a direct hit during a September raid. Sergeant Turner was the switchboard operator, and Corporal Henderson had charge of a special telephone line.

Bombs were falling around the building, but both airwomen carried on with their jobs, though they knew there was only a light roof over their heads. When the building received a direct hit, both continued working till it caught fire, and they were ordered to leave.

"When we did leave", Sergeant Turner told the press "we had to crawl out through the wreckage to safety."

"I felt a bit sorry for some of the youngsters in the building at the time, because it was their first experience of bombs. I did my best to cheer them up."

Corporal Henderson said: "We wanted to do something in this war, and when we found ourselves under fire, we simply carried on with what work we were doing."

Sergt. Mortimer was before the war a Conservative Party organiser in the Eastern Counties. She was born at Harrogate, and lived in Yorkshire for some years.

Gifted Linguist

Corporal Henderson is small and auburn-haired. She has travelled a great deal and is a gifted linguist.

Sergeant Turner was among the early women recruits who worked with the Air Force in the last war, and joined in the days of the R.F.C.

Then for ten years she was telephone operator at the Savoy Hotel, and after that seven years' telephonist with an advertising agency in London.

The first news of his daughter's honour was given to Professor R. Candlish Henderson, K. C., by the "Daily Mirror."

The Professor took the news calmly. His only comment was: "So she has won a medal. That is very nice."

Mrs. Candlish Henderson said: "Elspeth was home last week, but she did not say a word about this."

the peace of the village.

The Royal Engineers went white. Then they solemnly shook hands with the surveyor.

"Don't bother about the pump," they said "And thanks very much for saving our lives." The bomb disposal squad went back to the field.

But there was nothing to dispose of now, except a vast crater where the time bomb had gone off, and where, but for red tape over the village pump, men would have been working at the moment of the explosion.

BRITAIN IMPROVING ON SPITFIRES AND NIGHT BOMBERS

BRITISH FIGHTERS, even better than the Spitfires and Hurricanes which are the terror of the German Air Force, are being built. And the same applies to our bombers.

The new types, faster and better armed, are on the secret list and nothing may be said of their design or other technical details — but they will put even the proud Spitfire and Hurricane in the shade.

The Spitfire, our most devastating fighter plane, is already out of date in design. It was a modification of the British winner of the Schneider Trophy.

While it continues to perform wonders in the defence of this country, the Spitfire is bound to suffer the fate of all types — it will become obsolescent.

Better Bombers, Too

The confidence of the Air Ministry in the multi-gun fighter has been more than justified. Long before the war, when Continental countries, notably Germany, were developing lighter planes, relying on cannon for armament, Britain put her trust in the Hurricane and Spitfire, each type firing eight guns spaced in the wings.

All the time our designers have been working on technical improvements while existing types are still beating mass-produced Junkers.

Meanwhile, Britain is producing more powerful bombers. Few people know the details, but those who do know are confident that the shower of bombs which is falling on Germany's military objectives will soon become a flood.

Heavier Loads Further

Our new bombers will carry heavier loads further with even greater safety than they do now. For years, Britons living near R.A.F. stations on the coast have objected to the night activity of bombers practising overhead. The pilots were fulfilling what has become a tradition in our Air Force — the perfection of night flying.

In this — as Berliners will discover — the British reign supreme. Flying by instruments, our airmen will batter military objects in the furthest east of the Reich.

THIS TOWN WAS DOWN UPSIDE

National head-standing week has ended at Elsinore, California, with the inhabitants so busy that they don't know whether they're on their heads or their heels.

Day after day most of them, from the ex-Mayor downwards, are spending much time standing on their heads to obtain the right perspective of this topsy-turvy world.

Strangers motoring through the town have exclaimed, "Why, everybody's nuts," when they saw staid shoppers being assisted to stand on their heads by counter-hands.

It all started when an Elsinore newspaper editor, Hub Crehan, weary of reading that the world had gone topsy-turvy, suggested a National Upside-down Week to conform with the topsy-turviness.

His Slogan

"Down with the Dome! Junk the fitters with bottoms up," was the slogan with which the Mayor opened the Week, when all Elsinore should stand on its head and inspire the nation to do likewise.

Crying "Bottom side is better than topside," the Mayor performed the opening ceremony in the Town Hall by being photographed standing on his head by a cameraman in a similar posture.

When people entered the cinema they were ordered to stand on their heads before being given tickets.

Police Chief Barker several times went on duty at a busy junction where, propped upside-down against a lamp post, he directed the traffic.

Gymnastic instructors were at hand to give lessons in head-stands.

'SECRET' BOMBER

A "secret" bomber now being produced in large numbers will soon be dropping its deadly load each night on Germany's vital industrial centres.

The new aircraft will take their place in the R.A.F. programme of operations which is planned to reach a climax of destruction.

With the longer nights our bombers have already shown Berlin that they can attack in relays extending over three hours.

And as the bad weather comes along and the possibility of invasion becomes more remote, large numbers of machines will be at the disposal of the Bomber Command for still longer and heavier raids.

At the same time the whole of our experimental services are trying to find further means of combating Nazi night raiders.

The nation which first finds an effective defence against night bombers will go far towards final victory, and there is reason to believe that our brains and our initiative will succeed in this direction.

More Deadly

During recent nights it has been noticeable that raiders making for London have dropped their bombs in little country towns and villages within 30 miles of the metropolitan area.

This suggests that the barrage is having its effect on the raiders, who are finding the A.A. guns more deadly each night.

It is known that the air disturbances caused by the intense barrage give the Germans anxious moments, and that they are often violently ill as a result.

NAZI INFERIORITY

That Goering's air force has had no single-seater fighter that could compare with the Spitfire or the Hurricane is a fact that has been obvious from the very start of the war in the air against Britain and the replacement of the Messerschmidt 109, that has suffered so heavily at the hands of R.A.F. fighter squadrons, by something better was to be expected.

Apparently this change is now taking place, for in recent days of air action the Germans have been using their Heinkel 113 in considerable numbers. This new machine is a low-wing monoplane of about thirty feet span and is believed to be powered with a Daimler Benz 601 engine of 1,500 horse-power.

The armament consists of one motor cannon and two large-bore machine-guns, and the structure is of metal throughout. It is supposed to fly at about 400 miles an hour, but experts consider that its wing loading impairs its manoeuvrability, a most serious fault in a fighter aircraft. The He 113 is a development of the He 112, which has proved to be far from successful, and, like the Me. 109, no match for the Hurricane or the Spitfire.

It is a matter of satisfaction that though the Spitfire is a machine that was designed and built as long ago as 1936, and has been used by the R.A.F. since July, 1938, it still outclasses any fighter yet produced by the enemy. The Me. 109, which is to be banished from the Luftwaffe, was also being used in 1938.

Another German machine, one that seemed very formidable in Poland and France, the Junkers 87 dive bomber, is also fading from the picture because it cannot stand up to British machines.

ETON DOES ITS BIT

Victory, it seems, will, after all, be won by the white ties of Eton.

Cast-off ties are being collected from every school-house at Eton as salvage, to be re-woven into bandages or used for paper.

Nine thousand ties have already been collected.

KEPT A GERMAN GAS MASK

In the first case of its kind, Home Guard Richard Herbert Williams was accused at a North-West of England town of failing to report finding a German service respirator.

Williams, it was stated, helped to arrest the crew of a German plane. Later he found the respirator and container which he decided to take home as a souvenir.

The prosecuting solicitor said Williams's action had deprived the authorities of having the respirator expertly examined, which might have meant saving thousands of lives as it might have had a new fitting. Williams's obvious duty was to report finding the respirator to his superior officer.

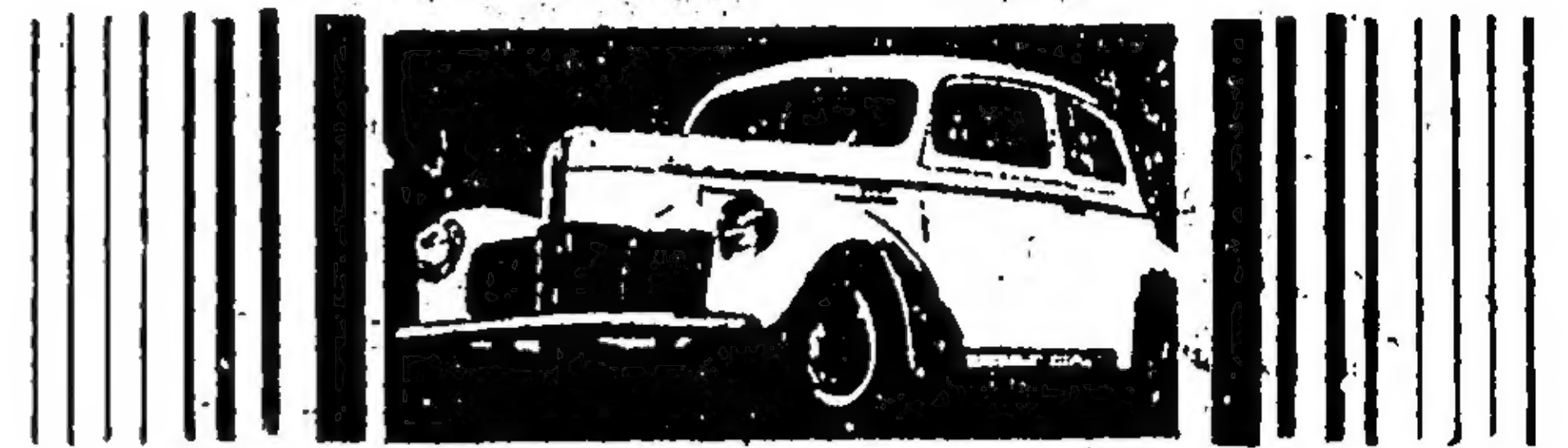
It was stated that the military authorities, the Air Ministry and Regional Commissioner wished the case to be given wide publicity.

The summons against Williams was dismissed on payment of 8s. costs.

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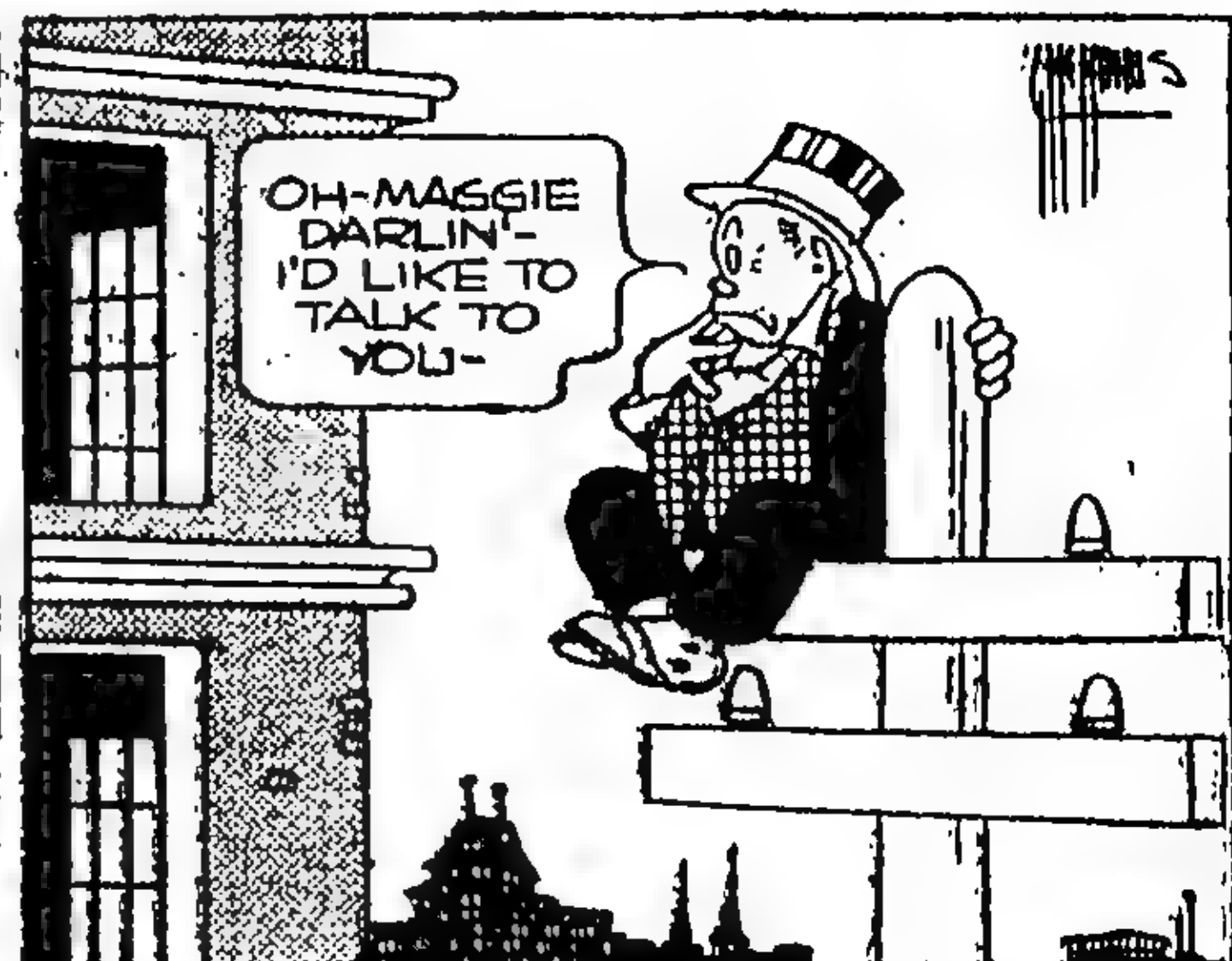
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Home Calisthenics

Of course, I hope you have joined a badminton club, or other game groups to get the exercise you need to keep your body conditioned. But if you haven't, and if a gym class is out of the question, you may re-style your body and keep it healthy right in your own home.

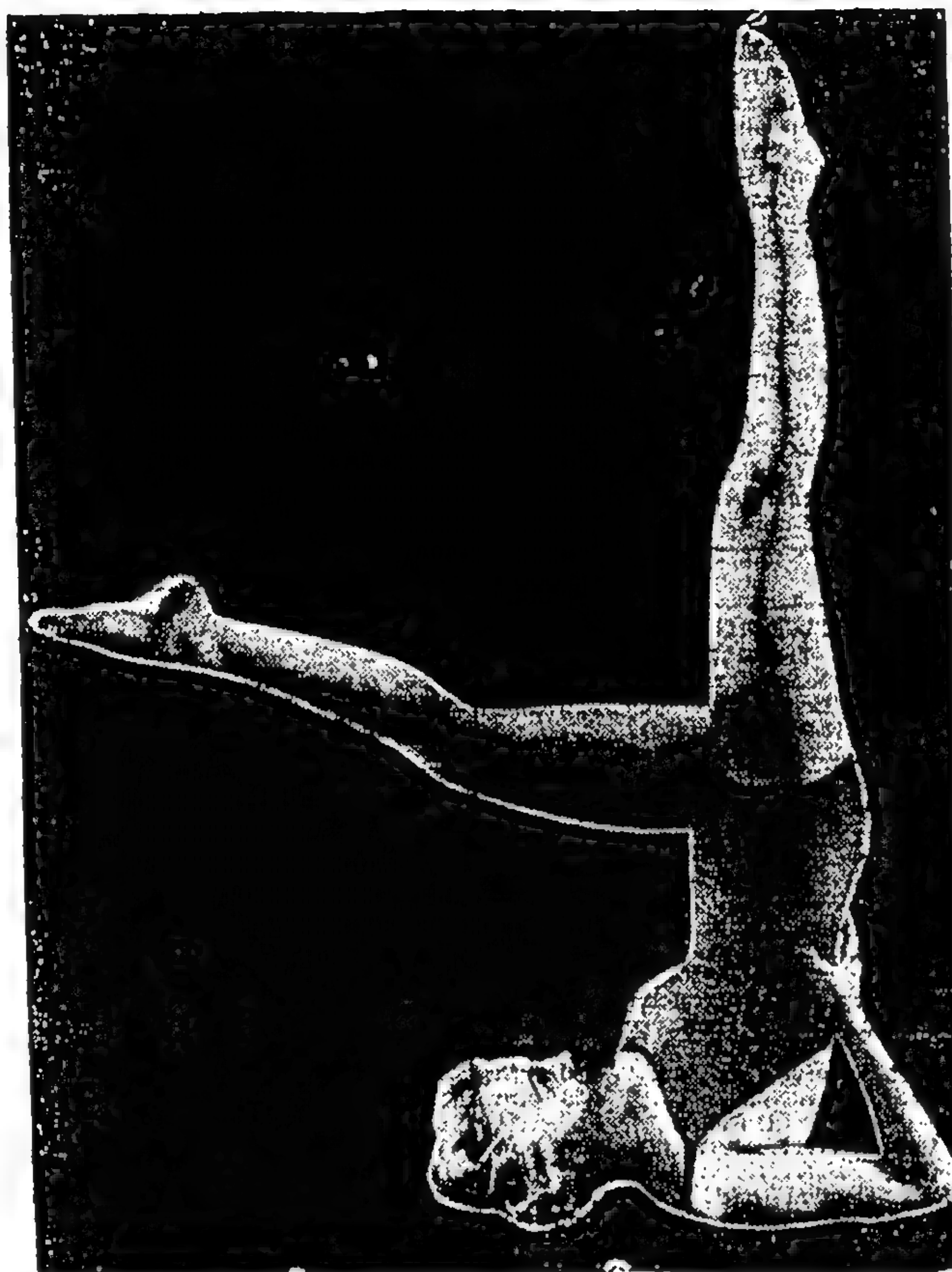
Determining to exercise every day at home, and sticking to your resolution, requires stamina. It isn't easy to spread a blanket on the floor, get into an exercising suit or loose clothing, and get down on the floor to roll and kick to radio music. But this exercise problem is greatly simplified if you determine to do it the same hour every day. Most women find the early hour before they break fast the most convenient for beautifying! Or when husband and children have been packed off for the day and peace reigns at home.

Rising a half hour earlier is not difficult once you make it a habit and it is most beneficial. Most of us awaken at least a half hour before we actually get out of bed. We lie in bed and drowse. We would be much healthier if we got up at once when we awakened, providing we rested sufficiently during the night.

As one should exercise before a meal or at least one hour after a meal it seems logical that the half hour before breakfast is an excellent time—before eating or bathing or dressing, and directly after morning elimination. Your room is well aired at this time, too. From fifteen to twenty minutes of exercising is enough to keep you in good form.

"But," you complain, "how am I to know which exercises I should do? I think I need a teacher."

You are quite capable of planning your own schedule. If you follow this page faithfully, you



The "scissors" in mid-air is an excellent movement for stretching and slimming thighs, legs and hips.

have learned that exercises are presented for every figure flaw. You know what is wrong with your figure. You know where you

have stiffness or aches. Then you should clip any exercise which will correct your figure flaws or relieve those aches.

By practicing an exercise three or four times you may quickly determine if it is reaching the muscles which cry for toning. You may have a little ache for a day or two from muscles which have been too long inactive, but as the days pass you will feel your body asking for more exercise. You will then take pleasure in stretching, and rolling, stooping and kicking. The renewed vitality you experience will compensate you for your efforts!

Begin With Limbering

I always advise girls and women to begin an exercise routine by first limbering. That is, you must ease the stiffness of your spine and stretch your neglected muscles gradually and easily. When you have mastered your body and can bid it to relax, that is the time to go in for the restyling programme. So do be sensible and limber first!

it last twice as long and look much glossier.

From Wrist To Finger Tip

Finally, remember to rub your hands with some softening cream or lotion every night. A proper lemon-scented hand-jelly or lotion is best, but if that's not available, any cold cream will do, or even almond oil. Nightly creaming will keep hands soft and white, however hard the work you're doing during the day.

I know that there are still plenty of hand problems that I haven't had room to talk to you about. There's the problem of hands that will look red no matter how you cream them; that's a sign of bad circulation, and you need curative exercises and massage movements.

Look After Your Hands

Very important is your grooming, especially of these two most noticeable and telling features about you—your hands.

I'll guarantee that two minutes' beauty care snatched here and there in the day will keep them as soft and white as anyone could wish.

An excellent "wrinkle" for keeping your hands smooth and soft is lemon juice. Scrounge the squeezed halves of lemon from the kitchen and rub well into the skin. Massage all the juice into your hands and don't rinse it away.

Smooth As Silk

Another excellent tip is to make a fresh lather after you have washed your hands, and work this new lather right into your hands till the skin is quite dry and smooth. That will keep the skin deliciously soft and satiny. But do be sure that the soap is a really super-fatted complexion soap, not a harsh one.

Then there's the problem of keeping your nailtins white. Keep by you either a nail white pe or nail floss, sometimes it's quite impossible to get a really clear white tip without the help of these.

Hard cuticles are such an irritating and ugly problem, and they apt to occur the moment you neglect your nails. The best cure of

all is to paint your cuticles with oil, and then slip on a pair of old cotton gloves to sleep in.

If you really and truly can't sleep in gloves, tie little thimbles of cotton wool soaked in oil round each fingertip, or simply massage the cuticle with oil till every drop has been absorbed. Don't be tempted to cut the cuticle whatever happens, or you will make it grow twice as thick and hard.

Brittle or breaking nails need nourishment too. There's a special nail cream for them, or the oil treatment. I've been telling you about is a great help. Make use of the oily cuticle and varnish removers, they're much less drying.

Incidentally, please don't keep your nails too short. File them to a rounded tip just beyond the edge of your finger, and don't cut the corners or you'll get those annoying little ends, half-skin, half-nail, called hang-nails.

Don't give up varnish altogether. If you find it takes too long to leave half-moons and tips, put the varnish evenly all over the fingernail from cuticle to tip. It's tremendously smart, takes a tenth of the time, and makes your nails look long and slender.

Do change your varnish if you find it won't stay on. There are dozens of different makes of varnish for the simple reason the different makes suit different people. I am using one now that stays on a whole week without a crack or chip.

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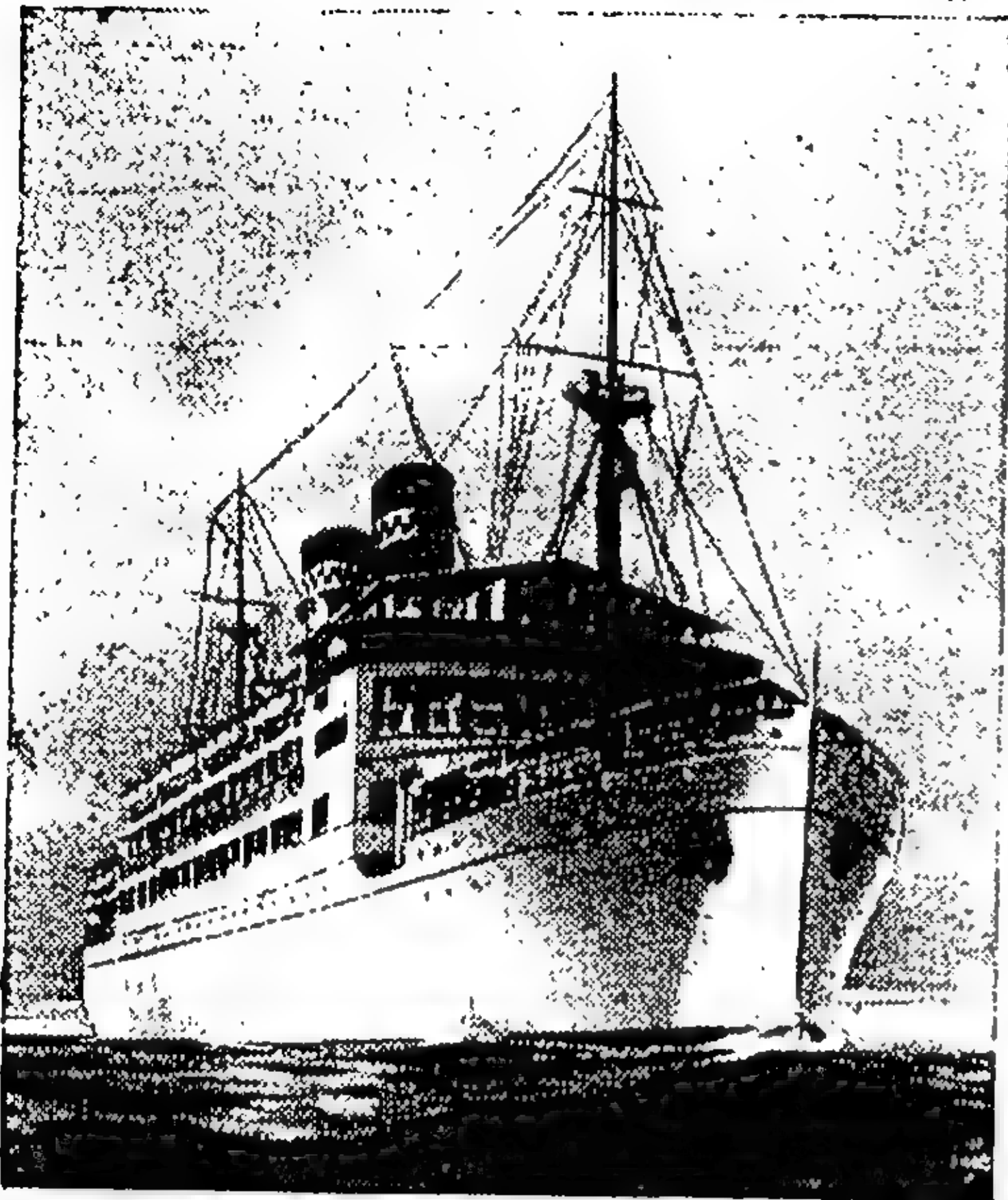
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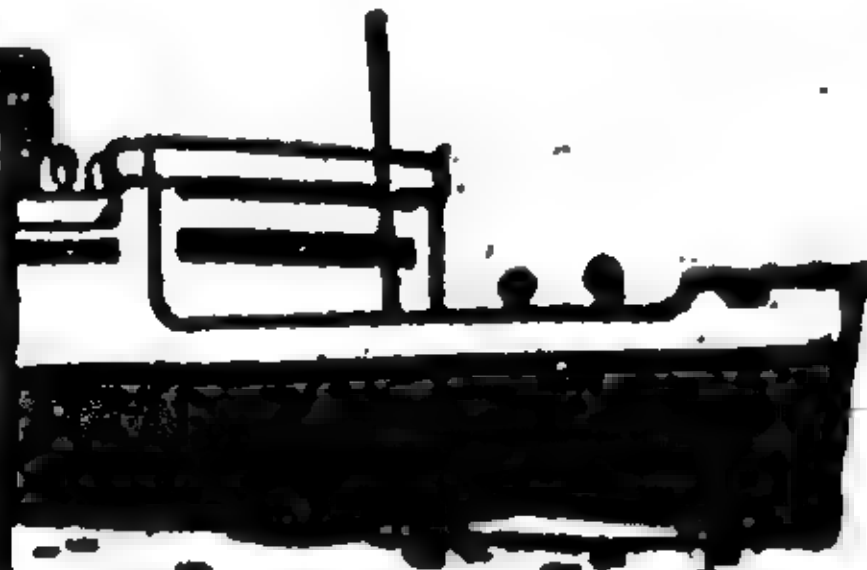
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On the Promenade—Down the Stream—The Illuminated Fair.

The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Clifford Greenwood.

8.42 p.m.—Richard Taubert (Tenor) and Lights Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and Commentary.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talks To Talk of Many Things.

9.45 p.m.—Sea Shanties.

10.00 p.m.—Variety.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.



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Record Crowd Sees Baseballers Beat Recreio Aces

Stormy Outbursts Of Protest

Indians Have Revenge On The Cyclones

By "Grandstand"

A RECORD CROWD turned out on Sunday to see the Hong Kong Baseballers down the Recreio Aces by 6-3 and retain the softball leadership.

The game was featured by stormy outbursts of protest against the umpires, which, however, subsided after a few minutes.

Cy Jones, on the mound for the victors, spaced six hits and was helped by two Leight to Hearther double-plays in pitching his side to victory over the Aces, while Gerry Gosano, toiling on the hill for the losers, doled out six safeties. Both Jones and Gosano walked one apiece.

The Mohawks had the jump on the Aces when lead-off batter Joe Reardon singled, pilfered second and scored on Lou Leight's sacrifice to centre. Failing to take advantage of two fumbles in a row, which put ducks in the pond for the Aces, Spotty Pereira was nailed at the plate on Zinho Gosano's bunt, whilst Eddie "Doctor" Gosano hit into a double-play to retire the side.

G. N. Gosano Triples

In the next stanza both sides went out in one, two, three order. Hurler Gerry Gosano tripled and dented the counting station on Spotty Pereira's sacrifice fly to left, to tie the score, but, a scratch single by Crews in the third helped by a muff and two wild heaves, piled up the Mohawk tally to three.

In the fourth the Gosano brothers, Zinho, Eddie and Bertie, were all flagged at first, whilst Hearther, Davis and Crews of the Baseballers fired out for a shutout innings. In the fifth the Aces cut down the lead when third-sacker Leight fumbled an easy bouncer, to give Nick Beltrao a life. Beltrao bargled second and romped home on a wild pitch, but Joe "Dead-end" Morris did a Ty Cobb as he tore around the bags to score whilst handsnatcher Charlie Figueiredo was hunting for Reardon with the ball after Reardon had slid home without touching the plate.

In the sixth chapter the Aces choked the sacks with none away on a single, a bunt and a fielder's choice, but Bertie Gosano's Ruthless ambitions soon faded as he popped out to Fitch. Tony Alves, however, scored on Fitch's muff of Beltrao's pop fly. Spotty Pereira, running for Zinho Gosano, got bunt signals all crossed

up and was caught napping off third. Figueiredo fled out to end the rally. Two more Waggoner-men crossed the pan in the sixth on a pair of hits and two miscues.

The Aces still had a chance in the last, as Gerry Gosano and Pereira both singled with one away, but Tony "Peewee" Alves hit into the second Leight-Hearther double-killing of the day for the game to end.

Recreio twirler Gerry Gosano took batting honours by returning a clean 1,000 in the three trips to the plate, which included a triple, the longest clout of the game.

Indians' Revenge

Massaging the shoots of Cyclone hurler Carlos "Kelly" Silva-Netto for 10 safeties, the Indians had their revenge by handing out a 12-7 lacing to the Cyclones.

The Indians only chalked up one in the first on a pass and a miscue, whilst the Cyclones replied with two on a pair of singles, but, helped by a series of bingles in the second frame, the Indians garnered four tallies.

After the Cyclones had collected two runs in their turn with the slick on a pass and a muff, the Indians went into scull sessions and derrickd hurler Kassa Nazarin in favour of right-gardener Savage Hassan, who made his initial appearance on the slab, conceding three hits and three runs for the remaining 5-2/3 innings of the game.

Silva-Netto walked three and was guilty of two wild pitches, whilst Indian hurlers Nazarin and Hassan passed two and one respectively.

Abbas Consistent

Indian second-sacker "Baby" Abbas kept his leadership in the up-to-date batting averages by connecting safely two in three times, but Sherry Bux and Tarzan Ismail returned the best average for the game by batting .750 in four trips. Two-baggers were batted in by "Baby" Abbas, Tarzan Ismail, Kassa Nazarin and Silva-Netto. Recovering from the shellacking of a week ago, the Saints emerged victors in an 8-4 verdict over the Chinese Baseballers in the night-cap.

Den Cray, on the slab for the Lumen, sent nine Collegians down swinging with his fast ones and George Souza, making his bow at the plate to inaugurate the first frame, swung at three fading upshoots which missed his bat by at least a mile to be the first victim. And was he red under the collar when he tied himself into a knot a second time in the next chapter. Even the fact that he moundsman, Frankie Gonzales, had fanned thrice in as many turns failed to console him.

Costly Errors

Although sharing 14 hits with the Saints, six costly errors spelled defeat for a listless team of Lumen.

Collegian hot corner, guardian, Dave Leonard, batted safely two in three, which included a double, for the best stick-work.

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

SENIOR LEAGUE			
	Won	Lost	P.c.
Hong Kong Baseballers	7	2	.778
St. Joseph's	7	2	.778
Indians	6	3	.667
Cyclones	6	4	.600
Recreio Aces	4	3	.571
Chinese Baseballers	3	4	.429
Filipinos	1	7	.125
Canadian Chinese	0	9	.000
JUNIOR LEAGUE			
	Won	Lost	P.c.
Chung Hwa	7	0	1.000
V.R.C.	5	1	.833
R.A.F.	5	2	.714
Recreio Bees	5	3	.625
South China	3	2	.600
Coasmas	4	3	.571
Liga Portuguesa	3	3	.500
Royal Scots	3	4	.429
8th R.A.	2	6	.250
C.B.A.	1	7	.125
Royal Engineers	0	9	.000
LADIES LEAGUE			
	Won	Lost	P.c.
Canadian Chinese	8	0	1.000
Wildcats	7	1	.875
Wahoes	8	2	.800
Panthers	5	4	.556
Cardinals	4	5	.444
Ramblerettes	3	7	.300
Little Flowers	1	8	.111
Chung Hwa	0	9	.000
INTER-HONG LEAGUE			
	Won	Lost	P.c.
Hong Kong Bankers	3	0	1.000
Shell Oilers	3	1	.750
Lacas	2	1	.667
Texaco	2	1	.667
Chartered Bankers	1	1	.500
Greenspots	0	3	.000
Cables	0	4	.000

CHUNG HWA'S SEVENTH WIN IN A ROW

By "Grandstand"

Chung Hwa registered their seventh consecutive softball win, by shutting out the Recreio Bees in a 6-0 whitewashing, the game being featured by almost errorless fielding on the part of the victors.

Jay Liu, on the mound for Chung Hwa, taking advantage of good fielding, pitched a four-hitter, passed none and fanned none, whilst Busy Bee slabster Georgie Guterres issued six free tickets to first and only succeeded in fanning lead-off batter P. F. Choy after working up a three and two count.

A Wasted Bunt

In the first frame no hits or runs were made by either side, but Chung Hwa broke the ice in the second stanza on a walk, a fumble and Bill Chang's single. In the Bees' turn with the hickory, Dick Alves singled, but was run down between second and third on Toto Prata's wasted bunt. Hurler Jay Liu worked Guterres for a pass, but further attempts to score were snuffed by a smart double-killing from third-sacker Jimmy Remedios to keystoneer Wilfred Lawrence. In the next inning Kwok singled, and was squeezed across on Richard Chung's sacrifice dump. In the fourth frame the Chung Hwa squad was erased in one, two, three order and although the Bees put two on bases on a blow, and a fumble, Jimmy Remedios failed to come through in the clutch with a hit.

With the bases loaded, in the fifth, the Chung Hwa team didn't score a run. Kwok, who was perched on third, being tagged for running before Al Lau's sacrifice to deep left was huddled.

Two more markers in the seventh, in addition to Bill Chang's four-bagger, with one aboard in the sixth, put the game on the Chung Hwa side.

Second Triumphant

South China handed out the high second trimmings of the day when they trimmed the Royal Scots to the tune of 14-0 in a game featured by brilliant fielding by South China, whilst on the other hand, although the Royal Scots know-

THELMA COLLACO PITCHES WILDCATS TO FINE VICTORY

By "Grandstand"

LIMITING THE PANTHERS to only two measley singles, Thelma Collaco pitched the Wildcats to a 11-2 triumph in the Ladies' Softball League on Sunday in which eight costly errors, of which short-stop Regina Xavier was guilty of no less than three, proved disastrous for the losers.

Slabstress Thelma Collaco passed two and fanned two, while the Panther twirler only accounted for one Wildcat via the strike-out route.

Irene "Slugger" Pereira, Gloria Mar and Thelma Collaco all connected safely two in four times, but the latter's double was the only extra base-clout of the fray. Wildcat keystoneer Thelma (call me Josephine) Motta hasn't quite got over the shock of perfectly handling all seven fielding chances that came her way, especially when she came up with Theresita Botelho's hoist to short centre, after being toppled by centre gardener Virginia Chu, who came tearing in full steam ahead.

Irene Pereira Given Life

Leadng off in the Wildcat batting, Irene Pereira was given a life on a wild heave and breezed home on Mary Mar's single. The latter also scored on a bad throw to the plate. Both sides were retired in order in the next frame. The Pantherettes first run came across in the third on two successive bobbles, but the Untamed Felines shellacked them for four markers on three safeties in their turn at bat. In the fifth both sides chalked up one more tally, but the Wildcats sewed the game up in the next chapter on another spurge of four runs.

Fine Pitching

In the Recreio-Wahoo clash, the latter triumphed over the Ramblerettes by 13-4 in a game highlighted by Theresia Noronha's two-hit pitching, whilst her teammates combed Ramblerette slabstress for eight safeties, of which first-sacker Yvonne Yolle's three for four was the best performance with the stick.

Irene Castilho slashed the only two-bagger of the fracas and drove one in. Theresia Noronha fanned five and walked two, whilst Gerry Jorge passed one and whiffed none.

In the initial frame the Aces scored one on a muff and a single, but Yvonne Yolle pilfered home in the Owls turn at bat to tie the count, both sides being unable to score in the second.

After producing three clusters of runs, totalling 12, in the next three innings, reserves were thrown into the fray.

Besides fielding 10 chances without a fumble, Yvonne Yolle stole five bases.

Flowers Crushed

In the other tilt, the Canuckettes battered the Little Flowers with 14 safeties to register a 27-1 victory in a five-inning game. Florin-

ledge of the game seemed good, their handling of the ball could have been much better. South China hurler Bill Quon was content to toss them in to the Scots, depending on his ballhaws who clamped their hands on everything that came their way.

Harry "Gabby" Chinn, plugging to the windy alley in place of Nelson Ma, played a good game, covering every inch of his territory. South China scored in the early stages of the game, to lay the foundation for their victory. The Canuckettes, including handsnatcher Cecil "Sparks" Winglee's two-bagger and triples by Charlie Ma, Chiu-wah, Nellie Ma and Bill Yum.

In the sixth the Royal Scots had a chance to break into the scoring column when the bases were covered with one away, but they couldn't produce the needed

R.A.F. just managed to take the points from the Cosmopolitans by taking a 10-0 decision, whilst the 8th A.A. had another game credited to them on receiving a walk-over from the Sappers.

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TIGER HOME RUN SPECIALIST IS LEAGUE'S MOST VALUABLE

Big Henry Greenberg, Detroit outfielder and home run specialist, is the American League's "most valuable player" for the second time in six years, writes a correspondent in the "Christian Science Monitor."

TO-DAY'S BADMINTON

CHUNG WAH SHOULD BEAT KING'S COLLEGE

By "Adrem"

There is only one match on to-day's programme of Junior Division League badminton matches that is likely to be very interesting and this should result in a victory for Chung Wah over King's College.

The latter team is almost identical with last year's and although they are capable of extending Chung Wah, the latter are very well-balanced and should win fairly comfortably providing conditions at the College do not worry them too much.

Recreation should win easily against Jewish Recreation Club, and St. John's, for whom Eardley will be playing, should account for St. Andrew's although if the Saints, whose team I have been unable to secure, are at full strength they should not let their hosts have matters all their own way.

Kowloon Tong, even without Frank Kwok, should be too good for Police.

PROGRAMME AND SOME TEAMS

Following is to-day's Badminton League programme and some of the teams:

Recreation v. J. R. C.
King's v. Chung Wah
St. John's v. St. Andrew's
P. R. C. v. Kowloon Tong
Recreation—E. A. R. Alves and C. C. Pereira; P. P. Botelho and P. Yvanovich Jr.; A. E. Xavier and A. E. Noronha
J.R.C.—M. Talan and A. R. Pollak; J. Odell and B. Godkin; Dr. Ramler and L. Landau
St. John's—H. Eardley and D. Kwok; P. Wilson and N. L. Smith; R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd
P.R.C.—V. Mackenzie and H. Dingsdale; J. MacDonald and W. Gillies; L. Gordon and C. Y. Siu
Kowloon Tong—Peter Lo and Joe Tsang; Richard Lee and S. T. Chan; Lee Po and A. N. Othier
King's College—K. L. Liu and H. T. Woo; S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung; T. Lam and K. H. Lo.

HOME FOOTBALL

The following are the results of Home, Football matches played yesterday:

SCOTTISH LEAGUE
Dumbarton 2 Falkirk 1
Morton 1 St. Mirren 2
Rangers 2 Celtic 3

FRIENDLY
Queen O'South 0 Preston 3
One Rugby match was played, an Army XV defeating Middlesex by 16 points to 11.—Reuter.

C.C.C. CRICKET TEAMS

The following have been selected to represent Craigengower Cricket Club in League matches on Saturday, at 2.00 p.m.:

1st XI (v K.C.C., Home):—E. Zimmern (Capt.), P. J. Billimoria, E. H. Esmail, H. G. Foreman, A. B. Hamson, A. J. Hulce, A. K. Ismail, E. J. Mitchell, W. Hong Sling, G. Souza and J. L. Young Saye.
Reserve:—T. H. Edgar.
2nd XI (v I.R.C. Away):—A. M. Omar (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, U. H. Esmail, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, E. A. Lee, J. W. Leonard, S. Leonard, T. Lock, U. M. Omar and W. K. Way.
Reserves:—O. M. Omar and L. Chua.

After seven years at first base for the Tigers, Greenberg moved to the outfield "for the good of the team" and experienced one of his brightest seasons, leading the league in home runs and runs batted in. He received the award first in 1935.

A 24-man committee, representing the Baseball Writers' Association of America, gave the 29-year-old Greenberg 292 points in the annual poll for the award. Bob Feller, Cleveland's young pitcher, trailed the Tiger star with 222 points. Each of the 24 writers listed 10 men in order of preference in addition to others named for honorable mention. A first place vote counted 14 points, second place nine points and so on down to one point for tenth place.

41 Homers

Greenberg, who knocked 41 homers and drove in 150 runs, received 11 first place votes out of a possible 24, seven for second place and one for sixth. Feller was given six first place votes for his brilliant record of 27 victories, and Detroit's Buck Newsom and Cleveland's Lou Boudreau split the other two.

Joe Di Maggio, New York star who led the circuit in batting for the second straight season, fell to third place in the voting after winning the award in 1939. Di Maggio received 151 points, followed by Newsom with 120 and Boudreau with 119. Jimmy Foxx, Boston first baseman and catcher and three-time winner of the "most valuable" designation, drew 110 points.

Schoolboy Rowe of Detroit rated seventh with 62 points, followed by his teammate, Rudy York, 61; Ray Radcliff, St. Louis, 55; Luke Appling, Chicago, 54; Roy Weatherly, Cleveland, 34; Dick Bartell, Detroit, 26; Joe Kubel, Chicago, 18; Sid Hudson, Washington, and Ted Williams, Boston, 16 each; Barney McCosky, Detroit, 11; Ernie Bonhom, New York, 8; and Walt Juddich, St. Louis, 6.

Johnny Babich, Philadelphia, got five votes; Mike Tresh, Chicago; Frank Hayes, Philadelphia, and Ray Mack, Cleveland, four each; Joe Gordon, New York; Cecil Travis, Washington; Bob Kennedy, Chicago, and Charles Gehring, Detroit, three each; Hollie Hemsley, Cleveland and Ted Lyons, Chicago, two each; and Lou Finney, Boston, and Eldon Auker, St. Louis, one each. The committee which made the selection was headed by Sid Mercer of New York, President of the Association.

BILLIARDS "SOCIAL" AT Y.M.C.A.

Members of the Y.M.C.A. billiards team had a "social" billiards competition last night when two novelty matches were played.

In the first, F. Bowrey won, scoring the required 15 points without touching a plate.

The other game, "billiard bowls," was introduced for the first time by C. Terran. Sixteen entries were run off in pairs, and C. Terran and J. Moulton won.

The Y.M.C.A. team will meet every Tuesday, from 7.30 to 11 p.m., until the end of April.

LOCAL CHESS

Results last night in the Junior Tournament of the Kowloon Chess Club were:—A. C. Poupard beat V. V. Kolatchoff, D. Drake beat S. Benjamin, and J. Grefalda beat Th. Laufer.

Five entries have been received so far for the Colony Open Championship. Players entered are C. M. Sequeira, D. E. de Carvalho, K. Weiss, G. S. Connors and L. Karpovich.

AMENDED SOCCER PROGRAMME

Following is the amended soccer programme for the week-end. Further postponements are expected.

Saturday

FIRST DIVISION

Club v Eastern (Club, 4.00 p.m.)
St. Joseph's v Middlesex (Caroline Hill, 4.00 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION
Kwong Wah v Middlesex (Chatham Road, 4.00 p.m.)
30th R.A. v Navy (Stanley, 4.00 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION
Air Force v 7th R.A. (St. Joseph's, 4.00 p.m.)
12th R.A. v 24th R.A. (Stanley, 4.00 p.m.)

JUNIOR SHIELD (Preliminary Round)
36th R.A. v Club (Club, 2.30 p.m.)

Sunday

FIRST DIVISION

Sing Tao v South China (Club, 4.00 p.m.)
Police v Kwong Wah (Boundary Street, 4.00 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION
Police v Service Corps (Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION
20th R.A. v A.S.A. (Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.)

JUNIOR SHIELD (Preliminary Round)
Kit Chee v Sing Tao (Club, 2.30 p.m.)

ROYAL SCOTS IN ARMY LEAGUE FINAL

ROYAL SCOTS QUALIFIED to meet Royal Engineers in the Final of the Army Small Units Rugby League when they defeated Middlesex yesterday by 9 points to 3 points.

SOUTH CHINA'S PART IN SPORT

An interesting talk on the growth of the South China Athletic Association and the part it played in the sporting activities of the Colony among the Chinese was given by Mr. W. H. Chen, general Hon. Secretary of the Association at the monthly meeting of the Hong Kong Referees' Association held at Hotel Cecil last night.

Mr. Chen said the establishment of the Chinese Republic brought many changes, one of which was the springing up of a number of sporting and athletic clubs all over the country.

Among the most important were South China in Hong Kong and the Chin Woo Athletic Association in Shanghai.

The Far Eastern Olympic Games, held in Shanghai, Manila and Tokyo between 1915 and 1935 served to arouse great interest in sports among the younger Chinese, and the resulting interest in sport had brought about a great physical development in the health of young China.

Wide Sporting Activities

Dealing with sport taken up by South China, Mr. Chen said the most popular was football, and other games played at present were baseball, softball, tennis, basket-ball, volley-ball, badminton, swimming, water-polo and ping-pong.

Referring to past activities, Mr. Chen said the Club toured Australia with a football team in 1923 and since then had sent teams to many other parts of the world.

The Caroline Hill site was allotted to them by Government in 1927 and a hill on the site was transformed into an imposing pavilion, occupying an area of over 7,000 square feet.

Royal Scots were served by a strong three quarter line and in the second half were continually pressing and finished more strongly.

After 20 minutes play Marshall scored for Royal Scots but early in the second half Thomson equalised. Marshall missed a good chance in placing his side further in the lead for after a good run he tried to score in a favourable position but was tackled well.

Bateman soon after scored another try for Royals and before the end Nealon broke through for a try which was not converted. SCOTS—Stevenson; O'Brien, Hanley, Bateman, Marshall; Phillips, Gracie; Nealon, McKenzie; Durie, Dickson, Hunter, Loughlin, Sims, Livingstone. MIDDLESEX—Holford; Thomson, Radley, Cordery, Dickens, Man, Moberg, Corder, Wilson, Bailey, Heatner, Klinke, Woolley, Berry, Goddard, Pearce.

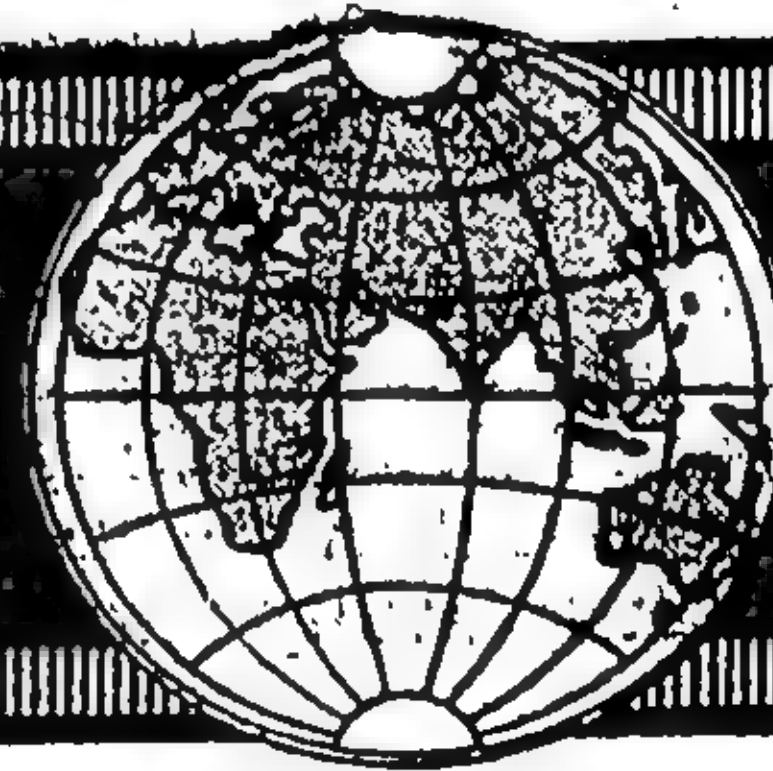
ENGINEERS BEAT GUNNERS
Engineers defeated 5th Anti-Aircraft Battery a goal and four tries (17) to two tries (6).

The final of the small units league matches will be played on January 21.

COTTAGE CLUB PAPER HUNT

The next Cottage Club Paper Hunt will be held on Saturday next at 4 p.m., starting from Fanning Village.

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BARDIA--A LOST CAUSE

Germans Claiming "Moral" Victory For Italians!

AIR RAID RESPITE CONTINUES

For the second night in succession there was no enemy air activity over Britain up to a late hour last night, says Reuter.

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The Charlotte "Observer" says: "All mankind in the world, rich and poor, women and children, all races and creeds, all these with many things at variance hold one thing in common—they despise the common thief."

"The German under Hitler is a common thief. He raids the barn and field, stable and kitchen of the weak."

"He isn't even a robber, for he comes not boldly but with a sneaking and false story. He invades by stealth in the night."

"He comes through the back door by means of his Fifth

Giving Libyan Army Time To Re-Group

"A lost cause" is the phrase used by the Berlin "Boersen Zeitung" yesterday in commenting on the fall of Bardia.

The newspaper, quoted by the official German news agency, says: "General Bergonzoli is a tired soldier from the Spanish war, and at Bardia his troops fought for a lost cause to hold off the British offensive as long as possible and give the Libyan army time to re-group—a task which they have performed against a vast superiority in men and material."

"The defenders were only overcome by a massed tank attack after they had run out of munitions."

"This affords convincing proof that in spite of reverses in a subsidiary theatre of war in North Africa the fighting spirit of the Italian soldiers is the same as ever."

"While the British gain a military victory theirs is the moral victory."

"The only thing that is really important and decisive is the battle for Britain, which their troops are losing day by day in and around Britain."

Axis A Unit

"Moreover the despatch of German air formations to Italy shows that hopes of forcing a decision by attacking Italy with the whole strength of the British Empire are illusory."

"The Axis is a unit in politics, ideals and above all in military matters." — Reuter.

Columnists with the aid of traitor and spy." — Reuter.

NAZI PRESSURE ON VICHY

The Nazis are showing intense irritation against Vichy and have taken steps to indicate their desire for a reconstruction of Marshal Petain's Government, to include the German candidate.

The proposal for a Triumvirate—to consist of Admiral Darlan, General Huntziger and M. Flan-din—news of which leaked out some days ago, did not meet with German approval and inspired a German denial.

Since then, the Germans have been complaining over the Paris Radio about the delay in coming to a decision at Vichy, and yesterday the German Radio broadcast a statement that the discussion between the statesmen at Vichy will be concluded to-day or to-morrow.

The German Radio said that a Government reconstruction will follow. — Reuter.

FIRM STAND BY KING CHRISTIAN

KING CHRISTIAN OF DENMARK HAS TAKEN UP A FIRM STAND IN THE FACE OF STRONG PRESSURE TO WHICH THE DANISH GOVERNMENT IS BEING SUBJECTED BY THE OCCUPYING GERMAN AUTHORITIES.

The Stockholm newspaper "Dagens Nyheter" declared yesterday that King Christian is insisting on popular representation in the Danish Government and is refusing to agree to any reconstruction of the Government which would involve an abandonment of this basic principle. — Reuter.

NUISANCE RAIDERS

GERMAN "NUISANCE" RAIDERS WERE OVER LONDON AND PARTS OF EAST COAST REGIONS AT INTERVALS DURING YESTERDAY, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF LOW-LYING SNOW CLOUDS AND GENERAL WEATHER CONDITIONS, WHICH APPARENTLY KEPT BOTH BRITISH AND GERMAN PLANES ON THE GROUND DURING THE NIGHT.

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In addition a number of armoured "carriers" are to be manufactured in India.—Reuter.

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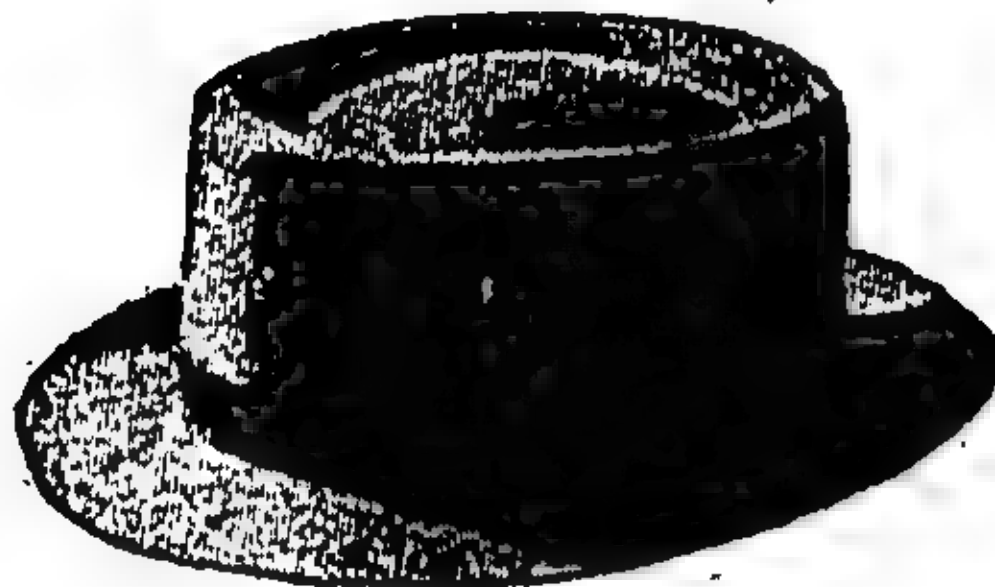


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BULGARIA HOLDING FIRM AGAINST NAZIS

TRIPOLI AGAIN BOMBED

Tripoli (750 miles west of Bardia) was again raided heavily by R.A.F. bombers on the night of January 6/7, states a communique issued from R.A.F. Headquarters in the Middle East in Cairo yesterday.

Several tons of bombs were dropped among motor vessels in the centre of the harbour, causing a series of explosions and clouds of smoke.

One direct hit was registered amidships on a large motor vessel and was followed by explosions. Several small cargo ships were probably hit.

Fires were caused among Customs buildings and wharves, while much damage was caused to the power station.

All British aircraft returned safely to base.

The communique adds that a further raid was carried out on Tobruk by R.A.F. heavy bombers.

Widespread fires were caused which were visible from 30 miles away among barracks, stores, sheds and motor transport concentrations.

The R.A.F. aircraft returned without loss to their bases. — Reuter.

Britain Has New Bomber

A new type of plane is being added to Britain's air strength and is expected to play a useful part in the war.

A light twin-engined bomber, the new plane is to be known as the 'Botha 1', and is the result of experiments carried out at one of the most important aeroplane factories in Britain.

Its performance and armament are a close secret at present.

It is a general reconnaissance and torpedo bomber and is powered by two Perseus engines. — Reuter.

Relations Stated To Be Strained

BLITZKRIEG EXPERT TO TAKE COMMAND

Field-Marshal List, one of Germany's blitzkrieg experts, is to arrive in Rumania shortly with a staff of five generals to take over command of German troops there, says a Bucharest despatch received in Belgrade last night.

Marshal List commanded the German troops in the Polish campaign.

Baron Manfred von Killinger, new German Minister to Rumania, is due in Bucharest on Sunday. — Reuter.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT RIBBENTROP, THE NAZI FOREIGN MINISTER, SAW M. FILOFF, THE BULGARIAN PRIME MINISTER, ON SUNDAY, STATES THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENT OF THE "BASLER NACHRICHTEN."

Refusal of the Wilhelmstrasse, however, to discuss the state of Bulgaro-German relations indicates that the negotiations had a negative result.

Relations are reported to remain very strained, the correspondent adds.

Meanwhile a despatch to the Stockholm newspaper "Svenska Dagbladet," quoting information in Berlin, states that no fresh German-Bulgarian negotiations or agreements are to be expected.

The delicacy of the Bulgarian situation was emphasised by the Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm "Tidningen."

With opposing interests seeking to influence her, the correspondent says, it is unlikely that the Bulgarian Prime Minister will leave the country at present.

Do Not Coincide

There had been reports that M. Filoff, who is ill, would leave Bulgaria in order to obtain medical treatment elsewhere.

JAPAN SHAKEN BY U.S. STAND

All the Tokyo metropolitan newspapers bitterly attack President Roosevelt's Message to Congress, which they call a "virtual declaration of war against the Axis."

The "Nichi-Nichi" emphasises the part of the Message that "the United States should become the arsenal of the Democratic countries," and states this is equal to a virtual declaration of war towards those countries who are now fighting England and the Chungking regime.

The paper voices the firm determination of the Japanese Imperial forces to frustrate American plans to ship ammunition to Chungking through the Japanese blockade.

The "Hochi Shimbun" states this is just another move in widening the gap between the United States and the Axis powers which has been solely made by a series of challenging American attitudes, such as more positive assistance to England by all means short of war, the advance of loans to Chungking, and a common strategy by the British, United States and Australian navies against Japan. — Reuter.

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FOUR-MAN BOARD TO SPUR U.S. ARMS DRIVE

A SUPREME DIRECTORATE for the United States defence programme, to speed up arms production, was established by President Roosevelt yesterday.

The Directorate comprises Mr. William Knudsen, as Director-General; Mr. Sidney Hillman, the Labour leader, as Associate Director-General; Mr. Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War, and Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of Navy.

President Roosevelt announced that the Directorate had been given full authority to formulate and execute policies for armament production.

By an Executive Order, President Roosevelt has established an office of production management for defence, which will be only nominally under his control.

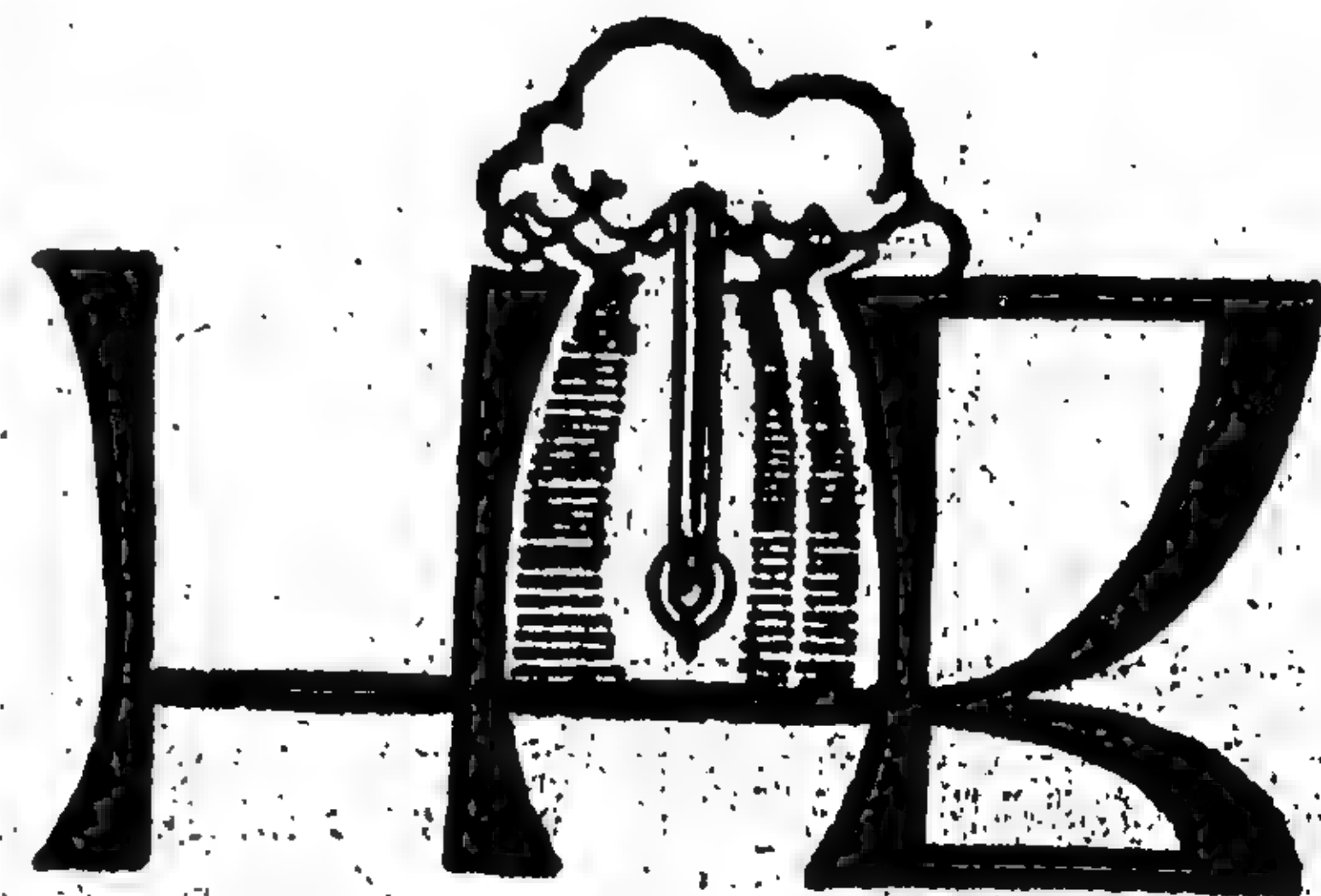
Simultaneously President Roosevelt released to reporters a statement signed by all four members of the Directorate in which they

said the task confronting them was "not only of critical importance but also one of surpassing urgency."

Arsenal Of Democracy

They promised "all that we have" to fulfil President Roosevelt's order to create an "arsenal of democracy" in the United States and called for cooperation from every person in the country to make that arsenal adequate for the defence of Democracy and freedom. — Reuter.

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In Time To Meet Expected Axis Offensive In Spring

U.S. PLANS OF AID TO BRITAIN

TO-DAY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AGAIN GOES BEFORE CONGRESS WITH A STATEMENT HARDLY LESS IMPORTANT THAN HIS "WE CANNOT LET THE DEMOCRACIES SURRENDER" MESSAGE ON MONDAY.

"The President will present his Budget recommendations for the new fiscal year, of which the main interest will be the amount of what President Roosevelt on Monday called "those greatly increased new appropriations" for armaments and national defence.

PRISONERS A SECOND TIME

MEMBERS OF THE CREW OF A HEINKEL 111 WHICH MADE A FORCED LANDING IN KENT RECENTLY, ARE NOW PRISONERS OF WAR FOR THE SECOND TIME.

They were shot down in France and taken prisoner, but released by the French five days after Armistice. After some time in hospital and on leave, they returned to their unit early this month.

Their aircraft was leading a flight which operated from a French base to attack the London docks. The starboard engine was hit by A.A. fire and as oil escaped, the engine ceased. The aircraft lost speed and fell behind the formation. It was chased by Spitfires and the steering was put out of action.

The pilot said that they would have baled out but one of the crew had been wounded. So he force-landed and immediately threw an incendiary bomb into the cabin. Soldiers arrived in time to pull the bomb out and the aircraft was saved.

BLOW FOR MARSHAL GRAZIANI

"BARDIA'S FALL IS A PARTICULARLY HEAVY BLOW FOR MARSHAL GRAZIANI, WHO HAS NOW LOST OVER HALF THE LAND FORCES AVAILABLE FOR THE DEFENCE OF CYRENAICA," WROTE THE MILITARY CORRESPONDENT OF THE STOCKHOLM "TIDNINGEN" YESTERDAY.

"The British are so superior that a continuation of offensive operations is possible provided supplies are ensured by sea—which can be done unless strong Italian and German air units are put into the struggle.

"It is hardly likely, however, that a strong German air force could be based in Africa, while the distance from Italy makes effective and continuous bombing in Africa doubtful."—Reuter.

CAMEL CORPS TAKE TO ARMoured CARS

THE FAMOUS SOMALILAND CAMEL CORPS HAS BEEN COMPLETELY REORGANISED AND RE-EQUIPPED, SAYS A NAIROBI MESSAGE.

It has joined the East African forces under its old name, but with armoured cars instead of camels.—Reuter.

GREENLAND OCCUPIED BY U.S.?

American troops are "occupying" Greenland and American police are posted in the town of Ivigtut, according to kryolite miners who have just returned to Copenhagen.

They stated yesterday (according to a Stockholm report) that communications with Denmark, to which Greenland belongs, have been practically broken off and rationing of food had been in operation since last April, though there was no shortage.

Steamers of the Hudson Bay Company were carrying miscellaneous supplies to points in west Greenland.

This miners travelled to Copenhagen by way of America, Portugal and Germany.—Reuter.

"A GIANT KICK"

AFTER 40 MINUTES CONCENTRATED ATTACK BY BLENHEIMS OF THE COASTAL COMMAND ON THE HARBOUR AT LE HAVRE, FIRES WHICH HAD BEEN STARTED ON THE PREVIOUS NIGHT OVER MOST OF THE HARBOUR AREA WERE REKINDLED TO DOUBLE STRENGTH. THE DOCK BECAME A CAULDRON, AT LEAST 13 SEPARATE AND SPREADING FIRES FOLLOWING SCORES OF EXPLOSIONS.

One of these explosions was perhaps the most remarkable that has taken place in the bombardment of the invasion ports. When a salvo of bombs burst on the target, the ground became sheeted with white flame. "Then," said one of the pilots "something volcanic seemed to happen. The concussion could be felt like a giant's kick a mile and a half high. At 8,000 feet I thought my aircraft would be upset. We were in cloud at the time, but the sky around us suddenly became clear. The cloud, even at that height, had actually been blown away by the force of the explosion. Night became like day.

"I never saw such a fire before. Its brilliant reflection glowed in the clouds far above us. It warmed the cockles of our hearts."

POLES WANT BOOKS

Bombs dropped by Polish aircrews frequently have messages inscribed on them, some abusive, others pathetic. One read, in English, "Good morning, you—", followed by the Polish equivalent for one of canine percentage.

Another was "Revenge for my aunt killed at Warsaw."

The Polish newspaper printed in this country is widely read, but Polish books are scarce. Poles living in England who could send books to their countrymen at R.A.F. stations would be doing a great kindness.

OVER-GOOD GERMAN AIM

A Coastal Command aircraft was reconnoitring Le Havre when a Messerschmidt 109 dived to attack.

One of the British gunners had the enemy in his sights. He was just about to fire when he saw the Messerschmidt drop vertically seawards, out of control. It had been hit by German anti-aircraft fire.

LANCASHIRE MAN KILLED IN SHANGHAI

H. Latham, the 36-year-old Briton, who was killed by hold-up men in a Shanghai post office yesterday, was born in Bolton, Lancashire. He came to Shanghai two and a half years ago, and is survived by his wife.

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INDIA'S DEFENCES

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LECTURE ON THE EMPRESS WU

Prof. Tschen Yin-koh, Professor of Mediaval Chinese History of the Tsing-hwa University and Visiting Professor of the University of Hong Kong, will give a lecture on "Wu Tse-ten (Empress Wu) and Buddhism" at the Fung Ping Shan Library on Friday at 5.30 p.m.

NO DOUBTS FOR FRENCH MINDS

An indication of the United States' attitude to France was given by Rear-Admiral Leahy, the new American representative, in his first statement, issued in Vichy yesterday.

He said:—"It will be made clear to the French Government that the United States is interested in the world situation—including the Far East—nor can any doubt remain in French minds that the United States is aiding Britain to the limit of her ability."—Reuter.

BOMBED FROM HOME AND SHOP

A West End antique dealer, applying at Westminster County Court to pay a debt of £60 at 10s. a month, said that his stock was destroyed by bomb blast.

All his best pieces of china and glass were in the window and all were smashed, he said. Five days later his house was damaged by blast. He was out of work, but had been offered a job at £3 a week.

When a solicitor suggested that £10 a month could be paid, and that it was a business that did not need a shop, Judge Austin Jones said: "That may be so, but it is not the kind of business that is flourishing just now."

An order to pay £4 a month was made.

PRICE CONTROL OF FOODSTUFFS IN BRITAIN

AN ORDER WILL shortly be made, coming into operation on Monday next, making it illegal to sell a large range of unrationed foodstuffs at prices higher than prevailed on December 2 last.

Minister of Food said: "I am convinced that a considerable number of new people are coming into the food trade as dealers and middlemen and as option buyers.

They are operating on a market in which you cannot lose only because the reduction of our imports of certain classes of commodities render those articles a very profitable field for speculation.

Issue of the Order is the first stage in stabilising prices operating on December 2. Next stage is that during the course of the month, from now we will issue a price order for all these articles, which will be drawn up in consultation with the trade and having regard to prices current on December 2.

I have reason to know that in taking this action I have the support of legitimate traders, food manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers. The food traders of this country have done a good job of work since war began and I do not want to spoil it by the introduction of speculation. British Wireless.

FAMOUS JUMPERS TO BE SOLD

HORSES WHICH HAVE WON FAME IN SEVERAL PARTS OF THE WORLD FOR THEIR JUMPING FEATS WILL BE SOLD TOMORROW IN DUBLIN FOLLOWING THE DECISION OF THE EIRE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE TO CLOSE THE ARMY SCHOOL OF EQUITATION.

For many years the Eire Army has distinguished itself in international jumping competitions in Europe and America.

The cessation of international tournaments, owing to the war, is no doubt largely responsible for the closing of the school.—Reuter.

First instalment of concrete proposals for implementing President Roosevelt's recommendations will undoubtedly be in the Budget and other Bills to be sent to Congress before the week-end and which will probably be passed within 30 days.

Political observers in Washington feel confident that proposals implementing the President's policy and promises will be passed by an overwhelming majority of the House of Representatives, while in the Senate it is believed that the isolationists cannot muster a bigger vote than 30.

Wide Discretion Likely

The belief is freely expressed that once President Roosevelt's lend and lease plan is approved by Congress it will place all existing American arms, as well as new production, under the discretion of the President and his military and naval experts for use in the struggle of the Democracies against the aggressors.

This would appear to make it possible for destroyers to be released and also "planes from the existing American air force if it is felt expedient to do so.

It is believed this is an adequate answer to those who are apprehensive that American help might not materialise early enough to meet the expected Axis offensive in the Spring.—Reuter.

H.K.V.D.C. YEAR BOOK

THE ANNUAL YEAR BOOK OF THE HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS—ONE OF THE MOST ENTERTAINING FOR SOME YEARS—HAS JUST BEEN PUBLISHED.

Photographs, sketches and two cartoons—some of the "Esquire" variety—in addition to humour and excellent verse, make the 1940 Year Book a credit to its editor, Capt. C. de Saille Robertson, M.M.

The entire proceeds of the publication, for which a nominal charge of 25 cents is being made, will be handed to the South China Morning Post's Bomber Fund.

The Year Book can be obtained at the Officers' Mess, the Sergeants' Mess and Canteen and from all Company Commanders, H.K.V.D.C.

U.S. 'PLANES FOR GREECE

GREECE IS TO BE GIVEN AMERICAN AEROPLANES.

Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, declared yesterday that one result of President Roosevelt's pledge of more aid for the democracies will be that a number of planes now being built for the U.S. Army are being released for Greece.—Reuter.

AMY JOHNSON CRASH DRAMA

Naval Officer Succumbs Following Rescue Effort

Bonds of Empire

A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT, DESCRIBING IN THE GREEK NEWSPAPER "ETHNOS" YESTERDAY A VISIT TO AUSTRALIAN SAILORS, WRITES: "WHY IS IT THAT FOR SO MANY GENERATIONS THEY REMAIN SO STEADFASTLY LOYAL TO THE IDEA OF EMPIRE?"

"It is not sentimental reasons, common bonds of language and blood that unites us," answers an officer. "England is the mother country. We have kept so many spiritual bonds with her but a big percentage of our population is not of British extraction."

Canada has a great number of French. South Africa is full of Boers. Australia has emigrants from all over the world. But to-day we are fighting for the Empire and the Empire has a clear and distinct material meaning to all inhabitants of the Dominions.

Within the fold of the Empire we have found wonderful prosperity.

I have heard it said that England exploits us and sucks us dry. I need only tell you that income per head of the inhabitants of Australia, New Zealand and Canada are greater than those of the mother country." British Wireless.

GOOD SENTIMENT ON STOCK MARKET

There was a more general enquiry on the London Stock Exchange yesterday while President Roosevelt's speech favourably assisted sentiment. Among foreign issues both 4 per cent Belgian loans advanced from 46 to 50, while Chinese and Portuguese loans were well supported. Home rails and several textile shares were firmer on provincial support. Oils met speculative enquiry and some good gains were registered. Wall Street was quiet. — Reuter.

Little Doubt Of Death Of Aviatrice

A NAVAL COMMANDER who dived into the sea in an attempt to save a man seen in the water after a plane in which the British airwoman, Amy Johnson crashed on Sunday, died soon afterwards from exposure.

He was Lt.-Comm. W. E. Fletcher, commanding the British trawler Haslemere.

While forming part of the escort of a convoy off the Thames Estuary, the trawler saw a parachute descending through low clouds.

An aeroplane then landed on the water near the parachute.

The weather was very bad at the time, with a heavy sea running, and the aircraft immediately began to break up.

While a boat was being launched from the Haslemere those on board saw two survivors from the aircraft in the sea.

Woman Sank

One of these was seen to be a woman but she sank before rescue could be attempted.

Fletcher dived overboard from the Haslemere in an attempt to save the life of the other survivor.

Fletcher was seen to reach the man and to be supporting him in the water.

Later a naval motor launch arrived on the scene and picked up Fletcher, who was unconscious and suffering from extreme exhaustion and exposure. No trace could be found of the man or woman who had been seen in the water.

Fletcher died soon after arriving in hospital. — Reuter.

HOUSEWORK HUSBAND'S CURE

A man cured himself of neurosis caused by anxiety by taking over all the household duties and the care of three children while his wife went out to work.

The case is mentioned in an article by Col. G. W. B. James, physician for mental disease to St. Mary's Hospital, London, in the Lancet.

"One of my patients," writes Colonel James, "was unable to carry on with his work in a factory, collapsed at work with what he called complete exhaustion, and finally lost his job."

"But he could cycle from his home to St. Mary's and back about thirty miles."

"This man was an old anxiety case from the last war, and finally took over all the domestic work of the house and the care of the three small children and sent his wife out to work."

"Both of them have found it a satisfactory arrangement, and it has continued for over twelve years."

Cared For Children

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"LEAD US TO IT"

"We want to be led to the attack. Backed by the plaudits of all true Frenchmen, we can take Calais as soon as we have organised a new 51st Highland Division for the job."

General Sir Ian Hamilton said this at a meeting organised by the Ministry of Information at Inverness.

Sir Ian told of the epic resistance offered by the 51st Highland Division with the first B.E.F.

He gave fuller details of the story, already officially told, of the 51st's six weeks' fighting under French command, and their heroic attack on the German bridgeheads on the Somme.

"The Highland Division are reputed to have caused about 3,000 casualties to the Germans in the Saar and arrived on the Somme in great heart," he said. "They had a huge front to attack on and had little support from the French."

"They were under the command of French General Headquarters and never had a chance. The French always retired on their flanks and left them in the air."

ITALIAN CLAIMS UNFOUNDED

Reuter learned in authoritative quarters in London yesterday that a series of Italian claims to have sunk British warships off Bardia are wholly unfounded.

The claims were contained in an official statement issued in Rome after yesterday's Italian communique.

The statement said that three of the British warships which bombarded Bardia were sunk; in addition, Rome alleged, a liner was sunk and two cruisers, a submarine, des royers, a gunboat and a monitor badly damaged.—Reuter.

WANTS END TO RENT RACKET

Unscrupulous landlords, owners of tenement buildings all over London are frightening bombed tenants into paying rent on their small homes—or what is left of them.

Sir Robert Tasker, Conservative M.P. for Holborn (London) is to ask the Minister of Health if he will protect weekly tenants from these landlords.

Sir Robert said to the press:—"The worst kind of person conducting this ramp is the 'house-

HORSE SENSE IN RAIDS

London's horses have become raid-conscious. As soon as they hear the siren they all pull-up of their own accord these days.

When their drivers loose them from the shafts they walk to the rear of the vehicles without being shown the way and patiently stand there until the "All clear."

"Then they seem to sense that all is well," a well-known West End veterinary surgeon told the press.

"In nine cases out of ten they get impatient if their drivers do not release them immediately to start on their rounds again."

Cats Know, Too

But not only horses know their way about in raids. In one severely bombed district two cats, evacuated once to a nearby animal centre because their homes were burned out, now return regularly to the centre every time the sirens go.

During the bombing of London there have been many "human" animal stories.

farmer."

They Are Afraid

"He buys up houses and lets every room to tenants."

"When the building is bombed and the people are homeless he pounces and demands the rent. The poor tenant is in many cases frightened into paying."

"Sometimes he hands over part of the rent and thereby commits himself."

"It is in the Minister's power to put a stop to it and he should do so at once."

CITY OF BENARES HEROINE DECORATED

A HEROINE OF THE liner "City of Benares," Miss Mary Alice Clara Cornish, has been awarded a medal of the Order of the British Empire for meritorious service.

The liner was torpedoed by a German submarine and sank in the Atlantic last September while carrying children evacuees and other passengers to Canada. A total of 250 lives were lost, including 79 children.

Mr. Ronald Mitchell Cooper, Fourth Officer of the liner, has been appointed Member of the Order.

The official account, issued in London last evening, states that Cooper got his boat away from the sinking ship and, largely through his courage and seamanship, the boat, with 46 persons aboard, was brought safely through eight days sailing in the Atlantic, all the occupants being rescued.

Devotion To Duty

Miss Cornish was one of the "escorts" travelling in charge of children. When the liner struck she assembled on deck children for whom she was responsible and then returned below to see if there were any others in need of aid.

While in the lifeboat Miss Cornish devoted herself to saving the children, massaging them to preserve circulation, encouraging them in exercises and inventing cheerful games. The whole party was rescued.—Reuter.

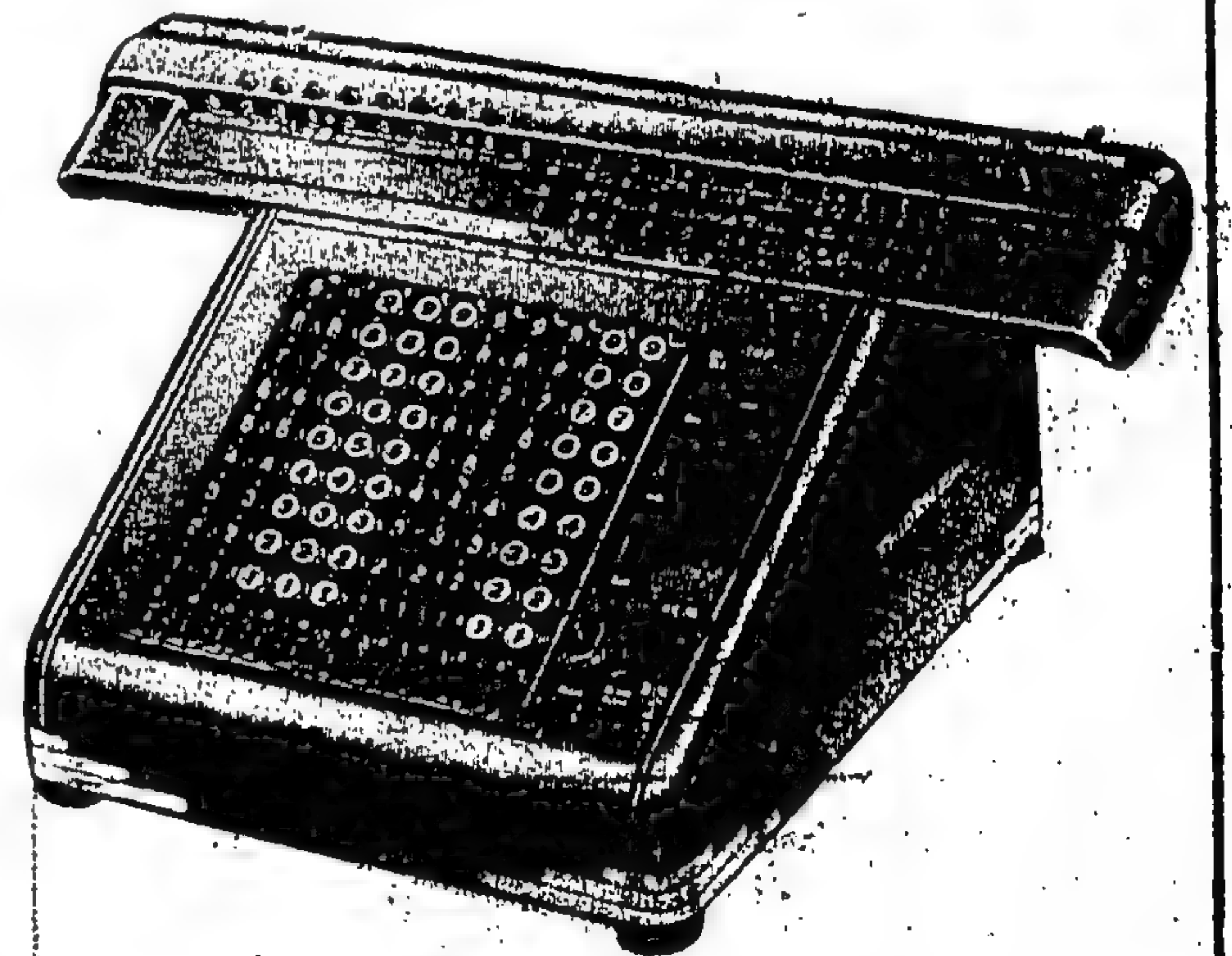
ITALY'S BUDGET DEFICIT

ITALY'S FINANCIAL DEFICIT LAST YEAR WAS £350,000,000 IT WAS OFFICIALLY REVEALED IN ROME YESTERDAY.

About three-quarters of this was due to preparations for the present war.—Reuter.

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70,000 PRISONERS TAKEN IN WESTERN DESERT

THE SCALE OF THE British successes in the Western Desert can be gauged from facts made available in London yesterday.

Since the first attack on December 9 — just under a month ago — it is estimated that our Imperial and Allied troops have put 94,000 Italians out of action.

Of these, 70,000 are prisoners. In an attempt to minimise this success Rome has been claiming that the majority of these troops are Libyans. This is easily proved untrue.

During these operations, we have taken or destroyed:

Three Italian regular Divisions (about 39,000 men);
Two "Blackshirt" Divisions (about 24,000 men);
One whole mechanised Division (about 7,000 men).

In addition, we have destroyed two Libyan "Divisions" of about 14,000 men, and some 10,000 supply and corps troops. It is assumed that those not taken prisoner are either casualties or men able to escape.

A vast quantity of war materials of all kinds has also been taken, but it is impossible as yet to give any details. — Reuter.

O.B.E. FOR SKIPPER

When his ship was torpedoed by a German submarine Captain George Hammett ordered the crew to abandon the sinking vessel.

After 12 days on the high seas they sighted land and beached the boat. Next day they put to sea again and reached port after a voyage of 850 miles.

Of 29 men only 10 survived thanks to the courage and endurance of Captain Hammett and the Second Officer, Edward Leslie Barnes.

Capt. Hammett was yesterday appointed an officer of the Order of the British Empire, while Barnes was awarded the George Medal. — Reuter.

FIRM STAND BY KING CHRISTIAN

KING CHRISTIAN OF DENMARK HAS TAKEN UP A FIRM STAND IN THE FACE OF STRONG PRESSURE TO WHICH THE DANISH GOVERNMENT IS BEING SUBJECTED BY THE OCCUPYING GERMAN AUTHORITIES.

The Stockholm newspaper "Dagens Nyheter" declared yesterday that King Christian is insisting on popular representation in the Danish Government and is refusing to agree to any reconstruction of the Government which would involve an abandonment of this basic principle. — Reuter.

ORANGES FOR TROOPS

ORANGE GROWERS IN PALESTINE HAVE SHOWN THEIR APPRECIATION OF THE SUCCESS OF THE WESTERN DESERT CAMPAIGN BY SENDING 10,000 CASES OF ORANGES AND GRAPE-FRUIT TO THE TROOPS.

The warm tribute to General Wavell himself is provided by an Iraqi sheikh, who has given him a ceremonial sword. — Reuter.

BARDIA GARRISON SACRIFICED

One of the most remarkable features of the shelling of Bardia from the sea was that the Italian Navy did not even try to intervene, a London naval spokesman commented yesterday.

The Italian Fleet, he pointed out, had a great opportunity to attack and if it had done so, our Fleet would have been obliged to give up the bombardment in order to defend itself.

Except for a few raiding planes, however, the Italian High Command made no attempt to relieve the pressure on the garrison at Bardia.

Italian prisoners themselves have commented on the absence of sea and air assistance.

They were disconcerted by the absence of planes, while Italian pilots say that plenty of petrol was available but they received no orders to go up. — Reuter.

POSED AS OFFICER, ARRESTED

A man who wanted to think he was somebody important, found himself in the Police Court at Liverpool.

He was a ships' fitter named Francis Alec Bennett (46), of Roswell Street, Bootle, and he was remanded on bail accused of wearing without authority a uniform of a ship's officer of the Merchant Service.

For the prosecution, it was said that detectives noticed Bennett, while wearing the uniform of a chief officer of the Merchant Navy, was incorrectly dressed because his trousers were turned up.

When arrested, Bennett said: "I thought I should enjoy myself much better with this on. It makes people think you are somebody."

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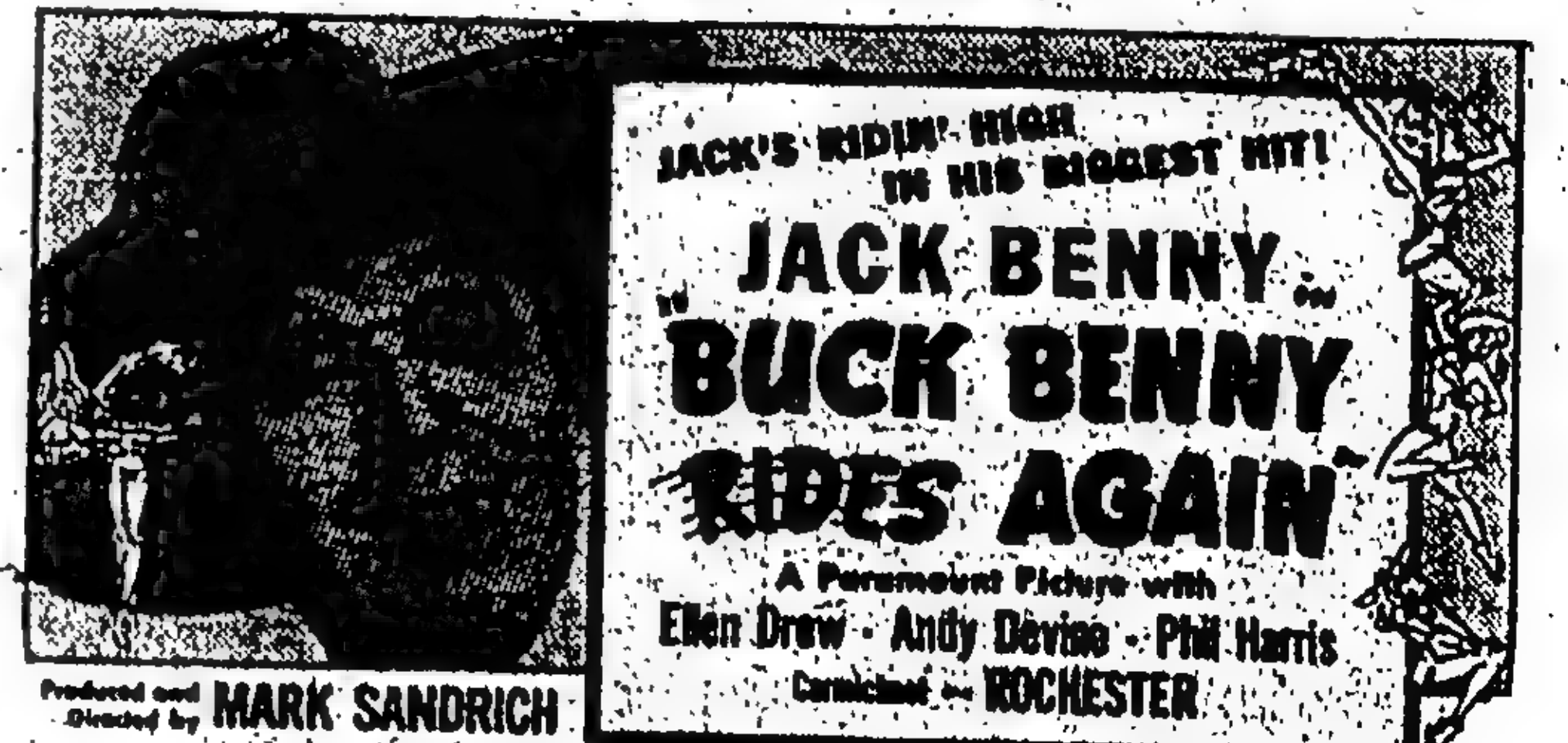
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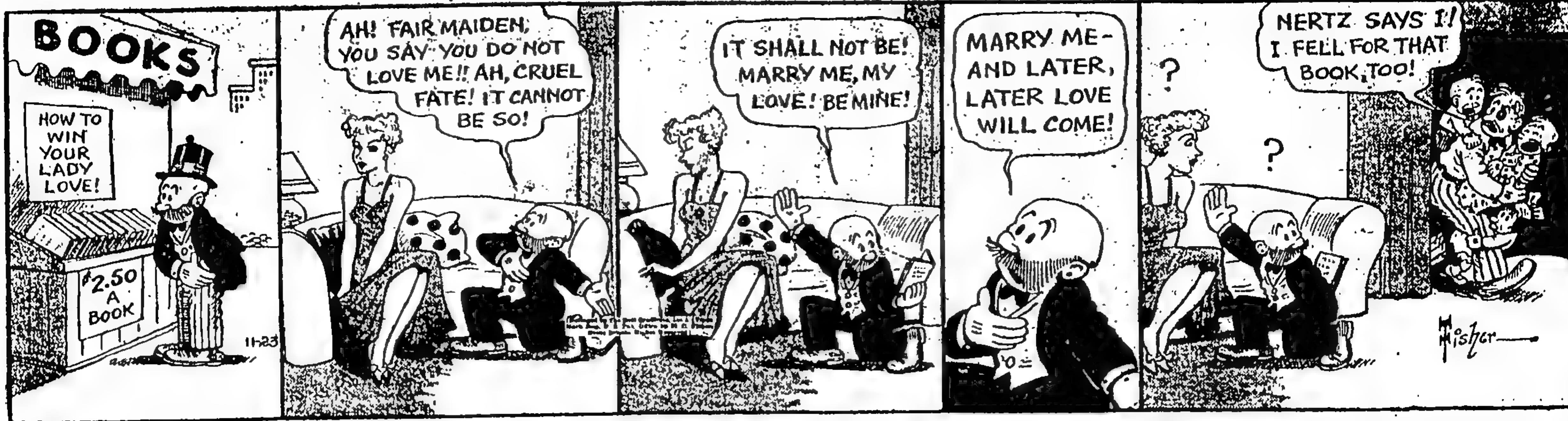
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By BUD FISHER



KEEN POLISH EYES

Polish fighter pilots have unusually good eyesight.

"They can see a 'Hum' miles away," one British pilot said. "I have good eyesight but these Poles are surprising. They've called my attention to German aircraft long before I could see them."

A Polish airman explained it in this way:

"We in Poland had very poor radio-telephony poor, compared with the British radio, I mean. Where your pilots are trained to have keen ears as well as keen eyes, our men had to get used to relying almost entirely on their eyes."

Another explanation is given by a British squadron commander who had fought often with the Poles.

"Poland's atmosphere is much clearer than ours," he says. "You can see great distances there, and the Polish airmen, in training, automatically got used to focussing their eyes on points ten and twenty miles away."

"Their eyes grew accustomed to seeing great distances and I think that in England they are able to see further than we are. There is no doubt that they can often see an enemy when we cannot."

Our flight lieutenant who helped the Poles in their training, and was posted to their squadron, said: "I can give you a good example

PULLING THE 'MICKEY MOUSE'

Nobody knows who first gave the nickname of "Mickey Mouse" to the electrical distributor which releases the bombs from the racks of R.A.F. bombers. The name goes back four years at least, but its origin is now a mystery.

Pulling his "Mickey Mouse" is the last and simplest action in a series of highly intricate moves which fall to the lot of the bomb-aimer. In the very earliest days of air bombing, sighting was a primitive matter; there were no proper instruments and bombs

of what they are like. One murky day, in training, we were sent up to 'intercept' some Blenheims flying on a given course. There were clouds and goodness knows what in the sky.

"Suddenly one Pole called over the radio telephone that he had seen the Blenheims. I couldn't see a thing but clouds, so I told him to lead on. He led the formation, and believe me, it was some time before I spotted the Blenheims. In fact we were in a perfect position for an attack by the time I had seen them."

were dropped largely by guess-work. The bomb-aimer, for instance, might squint down past the leading edge of the wing, releasing his bombs as the target came into line with it. It was the best he could do, and small wonder that bombing was a very inaccurate business.

Nowadays the bomb-aimer needs to be a mathematician and a lightning calculator. With the aid of a "ready reckoner," known as the Computer, he allows for height, speed and wind direction, atmospheric pressure and temperature, and adjusts his bomb-sight accordingly. He must also allow for the "trail-angle" of the bomb, that is to say its direction on release. This depends on its shape and weight.

In peace time practice bombing there is little to distract the bomb-aimer while he makes these calculations. In war, he is up against enemy fire and he has to set his bomb sight with the least possible delay. To save time the target maps and photographs are often memorised before the aircraft takes off.

At the moment of bombing it is the bomb-aimer who gives the pilot direction. The bomb sight is now set and the run across the target is made. It is essential that the aircraft be kept on an even keel and that its course, air speed and height should remain constant during the few precious seconds of the run in.

The bomb-aimer is forward in his cockpit, connected by telephone with the pilot.

"Left—left," he says, "right a little. Right a little more. Straight ahead."

His eyes are on the bomb sight and his hand on the Mickey Mouse. "Now" . . . and round goes the handle.

It is all over in less than half a minute—in considerably less if the anti-aircraft fire is too near.

The release of even the heaviest bombs comes as no more than a faint sensation to the crew—"You feel them go." But the pilot notices that the aircraft is considerably lighter on the controls. Hearts too, are lighter as the aircraft turns away and heads for home.

"KHAKI" POTATO OUSTS THE "PLAIN BOILED"

Potatoes in their "khaki" jackets will replace the "plain boiled" on the tables of many restaurants this winter.

Already catering firms are taking to heart the advice of the Ministry of Food that potatoes cooked in their jackets provide more nourishment and less waste than those peeled before cooking.

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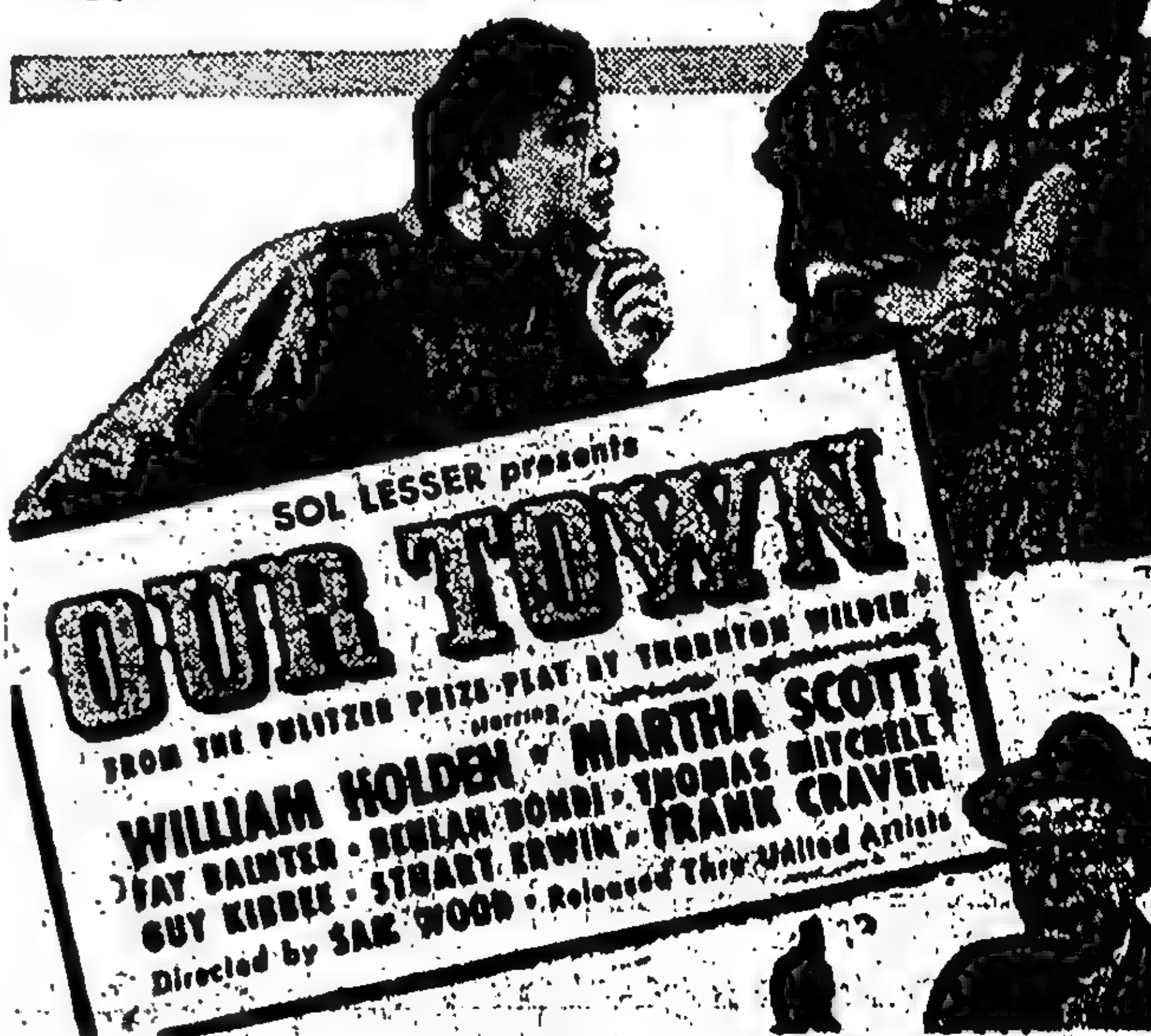
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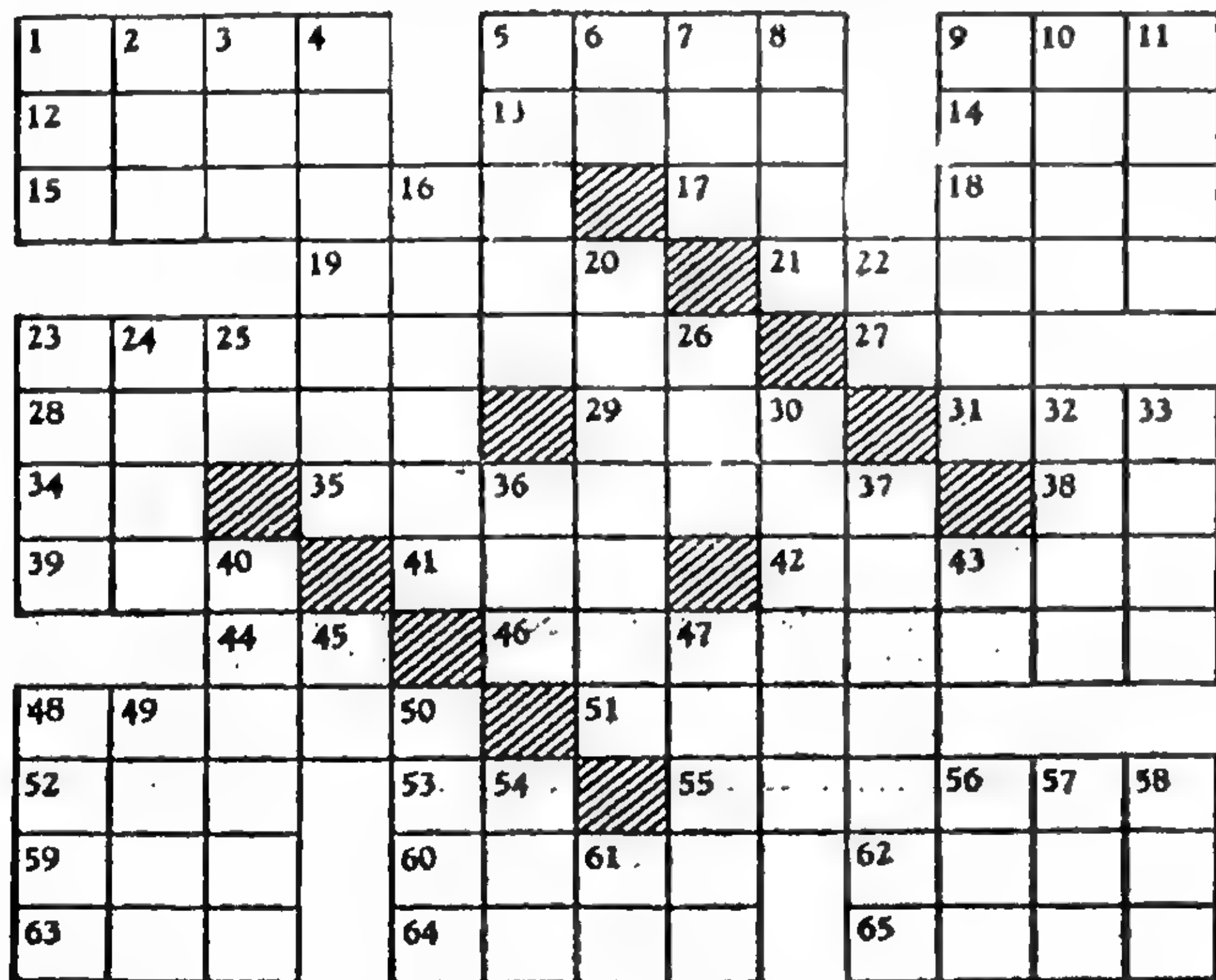
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- 5 Company
- 9 Ushered
- 12 Cord
- 13 Vehicle
- 14 Devoured
- 15 Mohammedan
- 17 Mulberry
- 18 Cask
- 19 To the sheltered side
- 21 Ship's crane
- 23 Peculiar
- 27 Note of scale
- 28 To shun
- 29 Earth
- 31 Man's name
- 34 Note of scale
- 39 Fabled monster, half-man, half-horse
- 38 Above
- 39 Conclusion
- 41 Female deer
- 43 Long-handled spoon
- 44 Hawaiian bird
- 46 Affable
- 48 Fencing sword
- 51 Poverty
- 53 Globe
- 55 Hawk-headed deity

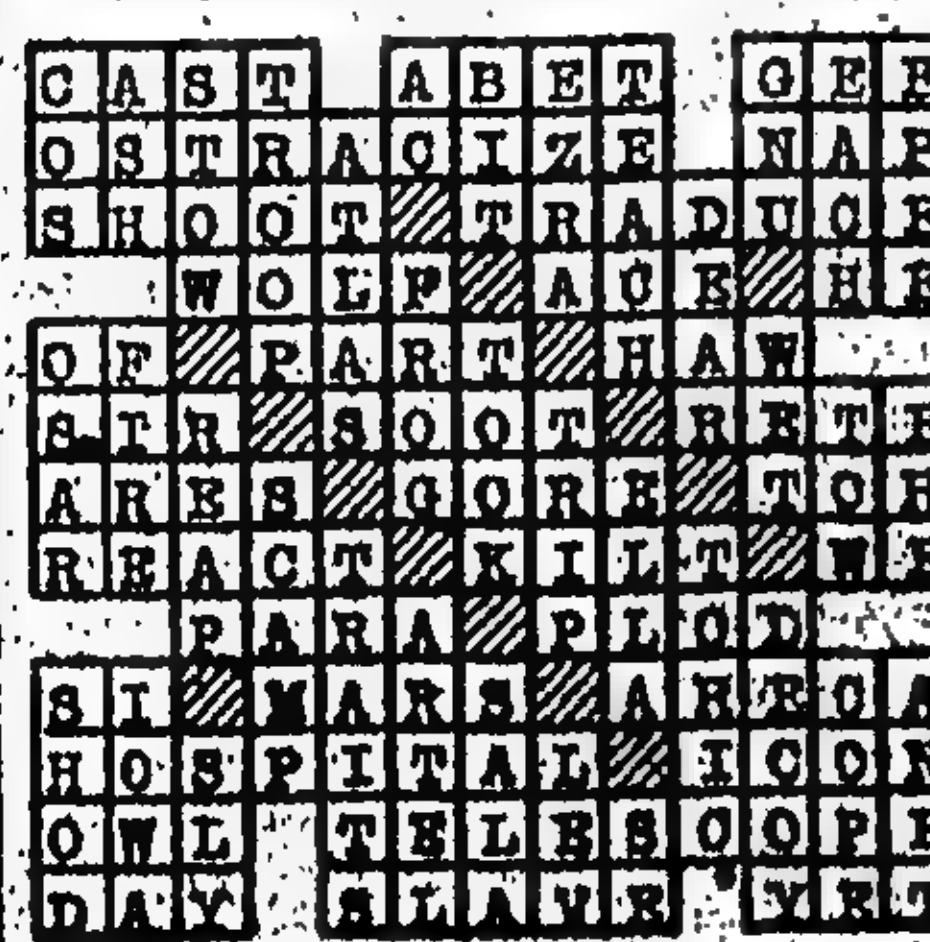
- 55 Elevation of a bowsprit from the horizontal
- 59 Portuguese coin
- 60 Preposition
- 62 To check
- 63 To bring forth
- 64 To desist
- 65 Metallic dress

VERTICAL

- 1 Upper
- 2 Overly
- 3 Goddess of the harvest
- 4 Pertaining to the sea
- 5 Hump-backed ruminant
- 6 Symbol for ruthenium
- 7 Greek letter
- 8 Tract of upland

- 9 European country
- 10 Small carrying-case
- 11 Cavity
- 16 Escaped
- 20 Oriental
- 22 Part of "to be"
- 23 Auction
- 24 Russian given name
- 25 Negative
- 26 Australian bird
- 30 Sweet-sounding
- 32 Philippine archipelago
- 33 Simians
- 36 Wooden pin
- 37 Attackers
- 40 Work-horse
- 42 To act
- 45 Either
- 47 Table-maker
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Italian Efforts To Explain Bardia

A COMMENTARY on the fall of Bardia was transmitted yesterday by Rome wireless for the benefit of Italians living abroad.

The Fascist propaganda machine tries hard to minimise the importance of the defeat of a large part of the army which was designed to effect the conquest of Egypt but in the face of facts which will be well-known to all Italians living in countries where the press and wireless are not mere tools of totalitarian propaganda it is difficult to see how much comfort can be obtained from statements given by the Rome broadcasting station.

AXIS LIES TELL TALE OF FAILURE

During the Battle of France a wise man said:—"I don't like the way this is going. Have you been reading the German reports?"

"They are all temperate and credible, and where you can check them they agree with our own. Germans only tell the truth when they're doing so well that they don't need to lie. I'm afraid we shall have some bad news soon," writes a correspondent.

I find it very cheering to think of that conversation now, writes a correspondent. Applying the same principle, you can see very clearly from the enemy's reports how badly he thinks he is doing in the Battle of Britain.

Before me lies a collection of extracts from German and Italian newspapers and broadcasts. Taken in sum, it presents a picture of London under the blitzkrieg in which the enemy's wish is not merely father to his thought, but its entire ancestry.

On Sept. 17, for example, the German wireless described in French how nobody, not even a foreign journalist, was allowed to leave London—though a visa to do so might be obtainable in very exceptional cases—and in Flemish how Londoners were tumbling over each other to escape from the doomed city. Now a bilingual Belgian who listened to both these broadcasts could be expected to believe both of them at once does not seem to have occurred to their authors.

All Self-Control Lost

On Sept. 18 the German-controlled Radio Paris reached a high plane of imaginative fiction with this:

"The 7,000,000 Londoners have entirely lost their self-control. They run aimlessly about in the streets and are the victims of bombs and bursting shells. Complete demoralisation prevails among the fleeing population, screaming, shouting and breaking through the police cordons."

In all the collection I can find only one example of the truth being used for the purpose of legitimate propaganda. On Sept. 18 Lord Woolton said that the damage to our food supply was not more than could be made up if the population said they would go without one meal. Next day the German wireless made the most of this remark by saying that according to the Food Minister the population would have to go without 46,000,000 meals.

This, however, was not colourful enough for the Italians. According to their broadcast, what Lord Woolton had said was that "the British henceforth will have to renounce one of their meals."

However much the magnitude of the defeat may be disguised from Mussolini's dupes living in Italy, Italians abroad know perfectly well the fact that over 30,000 Italian soldiers were captured in Bardia alone, and can hardly support the grandiloquent phraseology of the Fascist announcer that "the Italian soldier knows how to fight and die as well as the best soldier in the world."

The broadcaster then continued "Even if he (the Italian soldier) can foresee the outcome of the struggle and has no hope of victory from the very beginning."

Not A Hope

No British soldier, remembering Italian courage in the last war, will ever criticise the bravery of Italian troops when properly equipped and led and fighting for a cause in which they can and do believe, but the admission that these unfortunate men knew they had not a hope of either reinforcement or victory makes of the large number of prisoners, coupled with the extremely small casualties inflicted on the Australian troops, proof to demonstration that the Italian regiments had no heart in the fight.

Knowing there was no other prospect than death or capture they well knew, as Italians abroad also know, that they were being offered as a human sacrifice on the altar of Fascist Party prestige. British Wireless.

AIR ATTACK IN CHANNEL BEATEN OFF

IT WAS BITTERLY COLD IN THE CHANNEL OFF DOVER YESTERDAY, WITH A NORTH-EAST WIND AND DENSE MIST OVER THE SEA.

German planes in small numbers were reported during the day and some bombs were dropped.

Three fell in East Anglia, but only one did any damage, and there were no casualties.

German bombers made four attacks on two trawlers off the south-east coast.

They were greeted with fierce machine-gun fire and made off

AUSSIE VICTORY IN THE DESERT

MESSAGES REACHING LONDON FROM AUSTRALIA INDICATE THAT THE ENTHUSIASM WITH WHICH THE CAPTURE OF BARDIA WAS RECEIVED IN THE COMMONWEALTH WAS AS GREAT AS THAT WITH WHICH THE BRITISH PEOPLE ACCLAIMED THE TRIUMPH OF THE GALANT AUSTRALIAN TROOPS.

A natural comparison springing to the mind both of Australians and British is that of Gallipoli, where a previous generation of Commonwealth soldiers covered themselves with imperishable glory.

Typical of expressions heard on all sides is the remark of the Melbourne "Sun" that "Besides the pride Australia feels in the winning of this first big scale action by volunteers, the victory in the desert is the inspiring example of Empire teamwork." — British Wireless.

BELATED DIVERSION

Defeated in Libya, the Italian propaganda forces have attempted a belated diversion in Palestine.

Rome radio stated yesterday morning that Arab rebels are constantly attacking lines of communication and military objectives in Palestine. British armoured cars, it is alleged, were blown up by land mines and military posts attacked and destroyed.

In this there is no truth whatever. There has been no recent incident in Palestine and no conflict between British soldiers and the civil population.

It is, in fact, nine months since an Arab shot a British soldier or a British soldier an Arab.—British Wireless.

when a British fighter came up — Reuter.

Bombs In London Area

An Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communique states: "Bombs have been dropped at a number of places in this country to-day. Damage was done to houses at several points in the London area, in a town in the Midlands and in a few other places. A small number of people were killed and others injured." — British Wireless.

PEER DISASSOCIATES HIMSELF FROM THIS "SNOBBISHNESS"

THE MARQUIS of Queensberry, in a letter to the Editor of the "Daily Mirror," disassociates himself from the "snobbishness" of Lady Cecil Douglas, his sister-in-law. Lady Cecil Douglas, who is an evacuee with her baby daughter in Canada, sneered at "Mrs. Smith of Suburbia." She complained that Canadians failed to recognise British social distinctions.

In his letter the Marquis says that Lady Cecil Douglas "would be well advised to practise herself the 'breeding' to which she appears to attach such ridiculous importance."

Own Children There

"Since my own children are at present enjoying the hospitality of generous Canadians," the Marquis adds, "I would like to disassociate myself from the vulgarity and snobbishness which, it is alleged, was expressed by

Lady Cecil Douglas in her interview with your representative."

Lady Cecil Douglas was formerly Mrs. E. St. B. Kirkley, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. de Vere Fenn. She married Lord Cecil Douglas in 1927.

The Marquis of Queensberry, who is forty-five, is well-known for his activities in the boxing world. His wife is Kathleen Mann, the artist. She now has little time for painting, as she is an active member of the Mechanised Transport Corps.



AXIS DOOM SEALED

A hundred years of Anglo-American history reached their culmination in Congress yesterday when President Roosevelt's colossal scale lend-or-lease plan of aid to Britain was enthusiastically endorsed, in principle, by the American Parliament.

Congressmen from all over the country, by their unmistakable acceptance of President Roosevelt's programme, brusquely announced to the Totalitarian aggressor states that a halt has been called, that their doom is sealed.

No-one is surprised by the American decision. The rejection of President Roosevelt's bold leadership alone could have provoked surprise. Throughout the periods of ups and downs in Anglo-American relations, both have realised that they are partners in a high companionship, the foundation of which is that they speak the same tongue and derive their political institutions from the same source. Whatever else Britons and Americans have forgotten, they have never forgotten the Democratic ideal which inspired the Fathers of the Republic as it inspired the British reformers of the Nineteenth Century.

The growth in friendliness in the past thirty years has come about in the best possible way—spontaneously and from the recognition that Britain and America are the stewards of posterity as the guardians of the liberty and freedom of the human family. That sentiment reached its peak when it became clear that Germany was bent on destroying not only the liberties of mankind but its dignity as men and when the people of London showed resolutely how much they were prepared to endure for the common cause.

To-day we find Britain and the United States more united in aim and understanding than any two great Powers have been within recorded time. Neither has an axe to grind in this war. Both are fighting dictatorship and the onslaught in East and West upon human rights and privileges.

America has yet to cross the Rubicon by declaring war and it may never be necessary. She has proclaimed her sympathies beyond misunderstanding, at first in words

Man Named Smith Beat Napoleon

"Had Acre fallen, I would have changed the face of the world."—Napoleon.

THE most famous town on all the Syrian coast is undoubtedly Acre—the key to Palestine, as Napoleon called it. It has sadly shrunk in these last years, and looks across the wide bay to Haifa which backed by the range of Carmel, spreads out in all directions. Acre has now about 8,000 inhabitants and Haifa 80,000.

Though Haifa throbs with vitality and Acre is moribund, yet I recall Acre with a greater pleasure. For the glamour of a heroic past is over it all. The narrow streets are certainly more picturesque than agreeable to live in.

But a more motley crowd can be seen nowhere than the wild Bedouins, the Syrians, the Druses with their striped overcoats and white turbans, the veiled women that crowd the streets, and above all soars the most beautiful, fairy-like minaret in all the East, that of the Mosque Izzar, from which float over the city the musical notes of the muezzin as he calls the faithful to pray: "There is no God but Allah, and Mohammed is his prophet. Come to prayer, for prayer is better than sleep."

Here the Crusaders made their last stand. That was in 1291; after a month's bloody and desperate struggle the town was captured.

But the great lesson that Acre teaches us to-day comes from a little mound a quarter mile or so to the east known as Napoleon's

hill. There the Corsican placed his artillery park when he besieged Acre, and thence he rained destruction on the city.

How the siege began and how it terminated may well be pondered to-day. In the year 1798 Napoleon set out for the East with a fleet and an army of 38,000 seasoned troops. "This little Europe

By Dr. Norman MacLean

is too small a field," he declared; "great celebrity can be won only in the East."

He occupied Malta without a blow; and a crushing victory gave him possession of Cairo and Lower Egypt. But finding himself in the midst of a fanatical Mohammedan population, he realised he must win their support.

Alexander the Great in the Temple of Ammon had declared himself the son of Jupiter, and "that one act did more to assure his conquests than if he had summoned 120,000 Macedonians to his aid." Napoleon must needs do the like. To the sixty Ulemas that guarded Islamic orthodoxy in Cairo he discoursed on the state of his "devout and trembling soul."

He proclaimed himself a Mohammedan, and asserted that there was good ground to expect

the whole French nation to be converted to Islam, and he set about preparing designs for a mosque big enough to contain the whole French Army.

Having thus secured the support of Islam, Napoleon set out with a great army to capture Constantinople and so found the empire of the East. But here at Acre he came to grief. For there he met an Englishman, Smith by name (Admiral Sir Sidney Smith, 1764-1840), who refused to surrender the town.

The siege began. Whatever losses Sydney Smith sustained from the artillery park were made up to him from the sea. Acre could not be starved, for food was continually pouring in from the sea; it could not be taken by assault, for fresh troops were pouring into it from the sea.

The plain man, Smith by name, compelled Napoleon to retreat. He stole back to France, leaving his army to its fate in Egypt. That was Napoleon's first experience of the decisiveness of sea power.

"Had it not been for the English I would have been Emperor of the East," he declared afterwards; "but wherever there is water to float a ship we are sure to find you in our way."

Looking back on his life, Napoleon had no doubt as to the momentous issues which were decided at Acre. "Had Acre fallen, I would have changed the face of the world"—that was how he summed it up.

After all, that bartering of his

soul for an empire of the East, with the Ulemas in Cairo, served him little. When men sink to a bartering of that sort, the soul is doubtless lost, but the world is not gained.

The man at whose feet the emperors and kings of Europe knelt in homage stole away from the East beaten by a man whose commonplace name was Smith.

It is only when one ponders the afterdays that one realises the supreme place of this little grey-walled town in the history of the world. Within two years thereafter Napoleon's troops were quartered upon conquered nations from the heel of Italy to the Hook of Holland, and the tributes of the vanquished poured into his treasury. By a combination of subject-Europe he sought to destroy Britain.

"Nature," he said, "designed England to be a French island like Corsica." When the difficulty of invading England was pointed out, "the Channel," he exclaimed, "is a ditch which needs but a pinch of courage to cross."

All Europe cowered at his feet. He captured Berlin, and issued the Berlin Decrees closing every port in Europe against Britain. He would "conquer the sea by the land."

He swept nations before him like chaff before the wind; he galvanised a whole continent into movement at his nod; he hurled armies over deserts and over mountain ranges.

The marvel of this man's personality and of the power that emanated from him, grows when we remember that there were no telegrams, no steamers, no railways, no wireless in those days, and yet in a world of slow movement and retarded communication Napoleon pervaded and shaped and moulded the world as a potter the clay. He crashes his way to Berlin; he sweeps through Italy; "I shall be in Vienna in a month," he declares—he is there in three weeks; he rushes to Madrid and sets up there a Corsican dynasty. But there Wellington holds grimly the trenches—there the ulcer that drained his life blood is slowly running.

At the last it was not the Russians that defeated him. Fire and snow and frost and hunger—these, the elemental undefeatable forces were his executioners. "God Almighty has been too much for me," he said when he was laid low at last.

Such was the man who retired, foiled and beaten by a plain Englishman, from the gates of Acre. In the light of history that event looms bigger and bigger.

Why was it that Acre overcame Ajaccio, that Galilee conquered Corsica? The best and most comprehensive answer to that question has been given by Marshal Foch:

"He failed, they say, because he was without Berthier, I do not think so. In 1814 it is explained that he was already ill. Perhaps. But in my view the deep reason for the disaster that overwhelmed him must be sought elsewhere. He forgot that a man cannot be God; that above the individual there is the nation; that above man there is the moral law, and that war is not the highest good, since above war there is peace."

He forgot God; he forgot the moral law; his word could not be relied on; his signature to a treaty was worthless, for he broke every treaty he signed.

When he offered Britain peace for the last time Pitt rejected the offer because "the offer is deceptive. . . . Because it is untrustworthy. . . . On the rock of Truth he made shipwreck."

The way of tyrants is ever the same. No peace to-day because the dictator is up against the law of Truth—up against God. . . .

That is why Acre overcame Ajaccio; why St. Helena received Napoleon; why the Warrior in Shining Armour found refuge in Doorn; and to-day, as of old, as certain as the sun is in high heaven, the enemies of the truth, the blood-stained persecutors who make us ashamed of our common humanity, will be left at last with but the moon.

Which way I fly is hell, Myself am hell.

If this little town of Acre followed Napoleon and burst the bubble of his empire of the East, let us be of good cheer. The "Ersatz Napoleon" of to-day will be crushed by the same forces which grind the law-breakers into powder.

A Jug Of Oil

By F. Sternberg

EXPERTS agree that in the war of 1914-18 it was the superiority of the Allies in oil which helped them to victory. The Allied powers deemed the importance of oil great enough to induce Clemenceau to cable to President Wilson on December 15, 1917, "A jug of oil is worth a jug of blood."

Next to iron and coal, two raw materials essential for armament production, oil is of truly decisive value in modern industrialised wars. Britain produces no substantial quantities of oil at home. But she still controls the commercial sea lanes, the oceans. As long as she can retain this control, she will be able to secure an uninterrupted flow of oil supplies from overseas as was the case during the war of 1914-18.

What is Germany's position in this respect? German production, both natural and synthetic, supplied the Reich with about 3,500,000 tons of oil in 1938-39, while a maximum increase will, it is estimated, bring this figure up to 4,000,000 tons for 1940.

In 1936, Rumanian oil production reached its peak with 8,600,000 tons, but in 1939 it amounted to only 6,200,000 tons. Rumanian oil exports dropped from 6,800,000 tons in 1936 to 4,000,000 tons in 1939. About one fourth of the total export, 960,000 tons, went to Germany last year. Even if we assume that Germany will be able to procure the bulk of Rumanian's export, her annual oil supply will amount to only 7,000,000 tons.

During the previous war, the Allies consumed 600,000 tons of oil on the front each month. To-day, however, with the huge air arm, tanks and speedy troop movements, considerably more will be needed to keep the war machine running. Generally, it is estimated that a first-rate power requires 12,000,000 to 20,000,000 tons of oil each year to permit adequate operations in a "real" war.

Thus the important question arises: What about Soviet oil? What are the possibilities of progress in the Soviet oil industry and of the export of Soviet oil to Germany?

and now in deeds of which there can be ultimately only one logical fulfilment. Against the combined resources of the British Empire and the United States, those of Germany and her satellites are as dust in the balance.

The U.S.S.R. is Europe's foremost oil producing country, occupying a world position second only to the United States. Even though Soviet production amounts to but ten per cent of the total world production, it is estimated that the Soviet Union possesses about 6,370,000,000 tons of still exploitable reserves, which means that about half of the world's total oil reserves are in Soviet soil.

With such an immense hidden wealth at her disposal, the Soviet Union should be in a good position to increase her own production considerably above the 30,000,000 tons which she produces at present, and most of which she needs herself.

It was by no means an accident that Russia's domestic oil consumption grew so rapidly during recent years. During those years, Soviet agriculture became one of the main consumers of oil. Tractors replaced horses.

Were Soviet agriculture to be deprived of tractors and the oil required for their operation, Stalin's regime would encounter considerable difficulties in agricultural production. Even if Stalin wished to, he could not possibly lead Soviet agriculture back to the now obsolete system of individual small farming. Yet, if collectivisation is to be retained in its present form and on its present level, tractors and oil not only are important but represent vital necessities.

The breakdown of the tractors or an interruption of oil supplies would bring about famine. Therefore it would hardly be feasible for Stalin ever to deprive Soviet agriculture of, let us say, 20,000,000 tons of oil simply to help Germany conduct her war. This step would be tantamount to suicide, and Stalin has never exhibited a suicidal mood.

There remains the second possibility, increase of Soviet production. Over a period of several years, attempts were made to increase production not only by forced exploitation of the Baku-Grozny district but by opening up a second oil base in Asia. The most important fields are situated in a triangle composed by the Ural River, the Emba River and the Orenburg Railway.

Towards the end of 1935, a pipeline five hundred and twenty-six miles long was laid from Gurev to Orsk. The production poten-

tialities of these Asiatic fields are enormous. While the Baku-Grozny region contains about twenty-nine per cent of the total Russian oil reserves, this new Asiatic region contains about one third.

The oil is very rich, with about thirty per cent of benzene as against six per cent for the Baku and ten per cent for the Grozny oil. The development of this second oil base in Asia is proceeding within the framework of the Soviet Union's far-reaching policy of rapid industrialisation.

Aside from the increase of oil production in general, the primary aim in opening up these fields has been the creation of an expanding industry in Asia. Several considerations induced the Soviet Government to push this matter. First, it has always considered a war against Japan within the realm of close possibilities. The conduct of such a war by the Far Eastern army would be greatly facilitated by supplying it from bases nearer to the theatre of war—that is, from Asiatic instead of more distant production centres.

Second, in a war against Germany, Russia would be greatly dependent on the best utilisation of its enormous space. The further removed the secondary bases of production and the greater Asia's share in total production, the longer would Russia be able to conduct a war even if her European frontier regions should be lost to the enemy.

Third, it is obvious that Russia's vulnerability is reduced if her vital industries are taken out of the range of enemy attack.

Handicapped by transportation difficulties, the Soviet Union strives to maintain her oil export on its present level. But there can be no doubt that during the early stages of this war, Soviet oil export dropped below the 1,000,000 ton mark. In 1938, Germany imported 81,000 tons of oil from the Soviet Union while six years before, in 1932, her imports were around 500,000. It is possible that Soviet oil exports to Germany will once again reach the 1932 level. The attempts at creating a second oil base in Asia have passed their early stages of trial and error, yet the present war will necessarily slow down further developments, even if the Soviet Union remains aloof from the war. In addition, the material consumption of the Red Army increases from month to month.

It should be deemed a considerable success if the new Asiatic fields supply one eighth of the Soviet oil production. However, under such conditions the Soviet Union will be unable to support Germany with oil.

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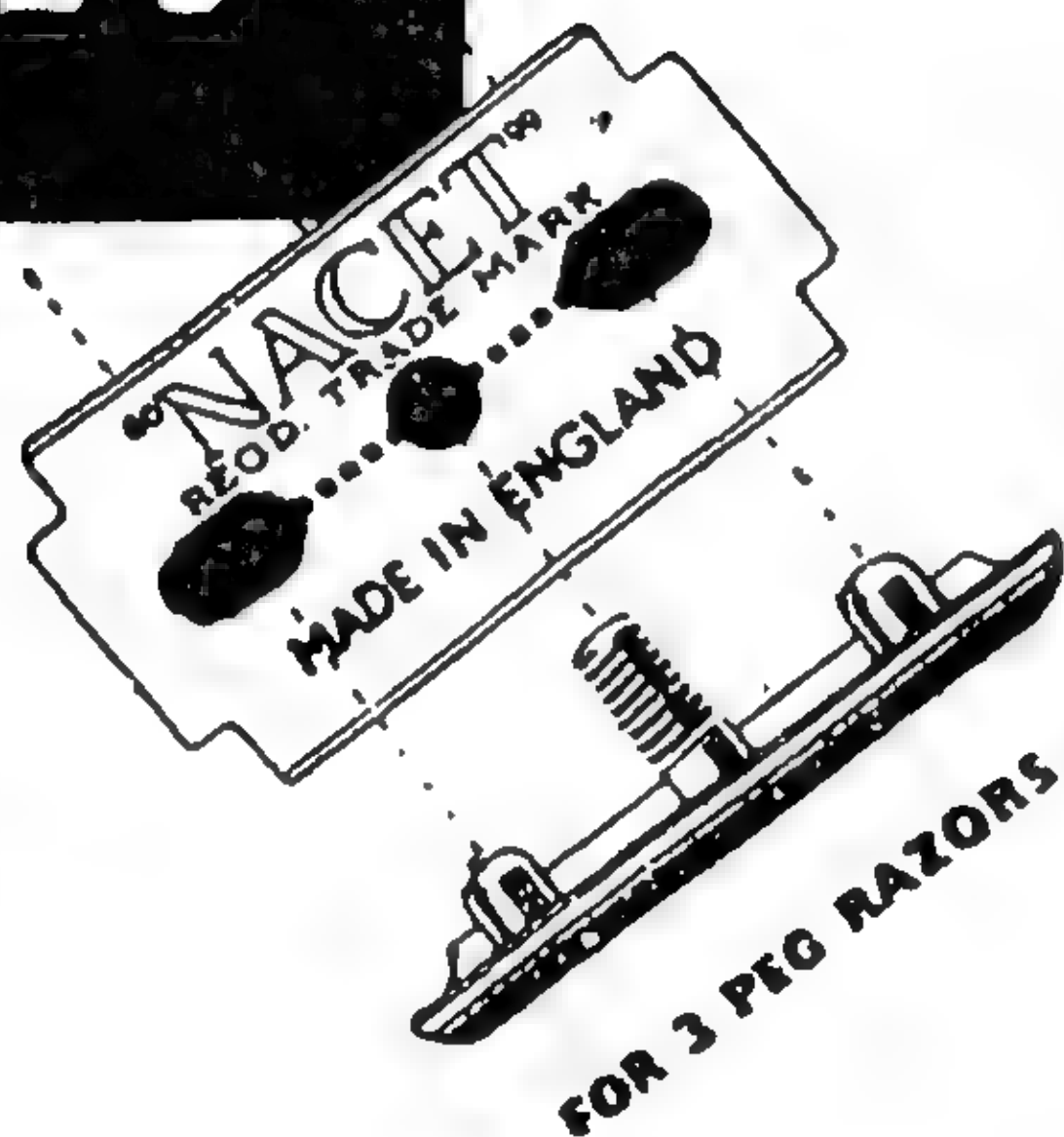
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There they go, the Marx Brothers — Groucho, Chico and Harpo—with pretty Diana Lewis, all heading Horace Greely's advice in a picture of the same name, "Go West."

**CAMERA PHOTOGRAPHS
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THE MOST-PHOTOGRAPHED objects in London to-day are companies' records.

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Insurance companies, banks, shops—every type of commercial and professional concern — are doing it. It is one way of defeating the German attempt to dislocate business.

It is ironical that the specially designed apparatus which is being used to speed up the output of photographs is the invention of a young German Jew. He is a refugee from Nazi terror.

His cameras are capable of taking 1500 shots on 500ft. 35mm. films.

One of the first people who foresaw the necessity for the speedy duplication of records is a Londoner, Leo Landseer, waiting to be called up by the R.A.F. as a reconnaissance photographer.

£4,000 Order

He bought the patent rights of the invention and with his seven crews of photographers is working night and day. Landseer is known as a Society and stage and screen star photographer.

One of the biggest jobs was a £4,000 order from a railway company. It involved close on a million photographs.

Parish church records of births, marriages and death, rare books, from museums and private collections, and ledgers of the Pawnbrokers' Benevolent Institution, dating back to 1830, are among the work.

These century-old entries were almost illegible, but the camera-man's technique makes the photographs as clear as the entries were when they were made.

Leo Landseer went to Munich when he was 18 to study medicine. His hobby—photography—brought him a job at the U.F.A. film studios near Berlin, where he eventually rose to a director of photography at a salary of £50 a week.

£10 A Thousand

When Hitler came, he went. The man who got him the job—he met him in a Munich beer garden—invented the new apparatus which Landseer is now using.

"Some of our customers have as many as three sets of records, but most are satisfied with the sets of negatives."

Mr. Landseer said: "It needs two men to do each job. One does the actual photographing while the other 'poses' the object and removes clips, pins and tapes, opens and smooths the pages."

A number of our jobs are photographing records already partially burned or destroyed.

"Vital plans, valuable documents, even marriage certificates are being photographed."

Mr. Landseer's jobs earn him about £10 a thousand pictures instead of his peace-time ten guineas a dozen for pictures of Society women.

**BOMB UNIT
SAVED--BY
RED TAPE**

Red tape made history recently by saving the lives of men of a bomb disposal unit in the north-east of England.

It is no credit to the muddlers responsible—but a squad of Royal Engineers are blessing them for all that.

The story concerns a time bomb, a local surveyor, a county council and a village water pump.

One day a high-flying Nazi plane dropped the bomb in a field.

"A Dud—"

There it remained for some days. Eventually experts decided that it must be a dud and set their men to dig it out.

By Saturday noon the fins had been uncovered, but subterranean springs caused the hole to fill. The only way to deal with it was to get a pump going. So nine men went to see the local surveyor.

Could they please borrow the village pump for urgent military work?

The surveyor was sorry but he would have to get permission from the county council. But he could not get in touch with them then because it was after noon and, of course, county council officials did not work on Saturday afternoons.

Telephone calls brought no reply. The surveyor was sorry. What more could he do?

Explosion Settled It

Then while red tape debated matters, a weighty roar shattered

**MARKED
OUT LIVE
BOMBS**

When enemy bombers heavily attacked an R.A.F. Fighter Command station, a twenty-eight-year-old W.A.A.F. sergeant was on duty in the station armoury. Though a large amount of ammunition was stored near her office, she manned the telephone, passing instructions to the various defence posts.

She shouted words of encouragement to the airmen in the building, and when the raid was over, calmly went outside and began to peg out with red flags all the places on the aerodrome where unexploded bombs were buried.

Her commanding officer said of her afterwards: "Her exceptional courage and coolness had a great moral effect on all those with whom she came in contact."

Her name is Joan Eugene Mortimer, and her identity is revealed in the official announcement that she had been awarded the Military Medal.

First Awards

They are: Assistant Section Officer (then Corporal) Elspeth Candlish Henderson, age twenty-seven, whose home is in Edinburgh, and Sergeant Helen Emily Turner, whose home is in London.

This is the first time a military decoration like the Military Medal has been awarded to women members of the Royal Air Force.

Corporal Henderson and Sergeant Turner were on duty in a building which received a direct hit during a September raid. Sergeant Turner was the switchboard operator, and Corporal Henderson had charge of a special telephone line.

Bombs were falling around the building, but both airwomen carried on with their jobs, though they knew there was only a light roof over their heads. When the building received a direct hit, both continued working till it caught fire, and they were ordered to leave.

"When we did leave", Sergeant Turner told the press "we had to crawl out through the wreckage to safety."

"I felt a bit sorry for some of the youngsters in the building at the time, because it was their first experience of bombs. I did my best to cheer them up."

Corporal Henderson said: "We wanted to do something in this war, and when we found ourselves under fire, we simply carried on with what work we were doing."

Sergeant Mortimer was before the war a Conservative Party organiser in the Eastern Counties. She was born at Harrogate, and lived in Yorkshire for some years.

Gifted Linguist

Corporal Henderson is small and auburn-haired. She has travelled a great deal and is a gifted linguist.

Sergeant Turner was among the early women recruits who worked with the Air Force in the last war, and joined in the days of the R.F.C.

Then for ten years she was telephone operator at the Savoy Hotel, and after that seven years telephonist with an advertising agency in London. The first news of her daughter's honour was given to Professor R. Candlish Henderson, K.C., by the "Daily Mirror."

The Professor took the news calmly. His only comment was: "So she has won a medal. That is very nice."

Mrs. Candlish Henderson said: "Elspeth was home last week, but she did not say a word about this."

the peace of the village. The Royal Engineers went white. Then they solemnly shook hands with the surveyor.

"Don't bother about the pump," they said. "And thanks very much for saving our lives." The bomb disposal squad went back to the field.

But there was nothing to dispose of now, except a vast crater where the time bomb had gone off, and where but for red tape over the village pump, men would have been working at the moment of the explosion.

BRITAIN IMPROVING ON SPITFIRES AND NIGHT BOMBERS

BRITISH FIGHTERS, even better than the Spitfires and Hurricanes which are the terror of the German Air Force, are being built. And the same applies to our bombers.

The new types, faster and better armed, are on the secret list and nothing may be said of their design or other technical details — but they will put even the proud Spitfire and Hurricane in the shade.

The Spitfire, our most devastating fighter plane, is already out of date in design. It was a modification of the British winner of the Schneider Trophy.

While it continues to perform wonders in the defence of this country, the Spitfire is bound to suffer the fate of all types — it will become obsolescent.

Better Bombers, Too

The confidence of the Air Ministry in the multi-gun fighter has been more than justified. Long before the war, when Continental countries, notably Germany, were developing fighter planes relying on cannon for armament, Britain put her trust in the Hurricane and Spitfire, each type firing eight guns spaced in the wings.

All the time our designers have been working on technical improvements while existing types are still beating mass-produced Junkers.

Meanwhile, Britain is producing more powerful bombers. Few people know the details, but those who do know are confident that the shower of bombs which is falling on Germany's military objectives will soon become a flood.

Heavier Loads Further

Our new bombers will carry heavier loads further with even greater safety than they do now. For years, Britons living near R.A.F. stations on the coast have objected to the night activity of bombers practising overhead. The pilots were fulfilling what has become a tradition in our Air Force — the perfection of night flying.

In this — as Berliners will discover — the British reign supreme. Flying by instruments, our airmen will batter military objects in the furthest east of the Reich.

THIS TOWN WAS DOWN UPSIDE

National head-standing week has ended at Elsinore, California, with the inhabitants so busy that they don't know whether they're on their heads or their heels.

Day after day most of them, from the ex-Mayor downwards, are spending much time standing on their heads to obtain the right perspective of this topsy-turvy world.

Strangers motoring through the town have exclaimed, "Why, everybody's nuts," when they saw staid shoppers being assisted to stand on their heads by counter-hands.

It all started when an Elsinore newspaper editor, Hub Crehan, weary of reading that the world had gone topsy-turvy, suggested a National Upside-down Week to conform with the topsy-turviness.

His Slogan

"Down with the Dome! Junk the flitters with bottoms up," was the slogan with which the Mayor opened the Week, when all Elsinore should stand on its head and inspire the nation to do likewise.

Crying "Bottom side is better than topside," the Mayor performed the opening ceremony in the Town Hall by being photographed standing on his head by a cameraman in a similar posture.

When people entered the cinema they were ordered to stand on their heads before being given tickets.

Pollie Chief Barker several times went on duty at a busy junction where, propped upside-down against a lamp post, he directed the traffic.

Gymnastic instructors were at hand to give lessons in head-stands.

HOW LONDON SHELTERS

A census taken in December showed that five per cent. of the population of the London region occupied public shelters, nineteen per cent. domestic and communal shelters and the rest were living in their own homes, according to Sir Wilson Jameson, Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Health, yesterday.

In the Metropolitan area people using public shelters were eight per cent and domestic and communal shelters 21 per cent.

There has been no outbreak of epidemic or infectious diseases in deep crowded shelters.

Sir Wilson Jameson added: "I believe dispersal of the child population to the country had a great deal to do with the low incidence in 1940 of infectious diseases in Britain."

The figures quoted for 1940 up to December 14, as compared with the similar period of 1939, showed a decrease in scarlet fever and diphtheria, a slight increase in pneumonia and a heavy increase in cerebro-spinal fever.—British Wireless.

'SECRET' BOMBER

A "secret" bomber now being produced in large numbers will soon be dropping its deadly load each night on Germany's vital industrial centres.

The new aircraft will take their place in the R.A.F. programme of operations which is planned to reach a climax of destruction.

With the longer nights our bombers have already shown Berlin that they can attack in relays extending over three hours.

And as the bad weather comes along and the possibility of invasion becomes more remote, large numbers of machines will be at the disposal of the Bomber Command for still longer and heavier raids.

At the same time the whole of our experimental services are trying to find further means of combating Nazi night raiders. The nation which first finds an effective defence against night bombers will go far towards final victory, and there is reason to believe that our brains and our initiative will succeed in this direction.

More Deadly

During recent nights it has been noticeable that raiders making for London have dropped their bombs in little country towns and villages within 30 miles of the metropolitan area.

This suggests that the barrage is having its effect on the raiders, who are finding the A.A. guns more deadly each night. It is known that the air disturbances caused by the intense barrage give the Germans anxious moments, and that they are often violently ill as a result.

ETON DOES ITS BIT

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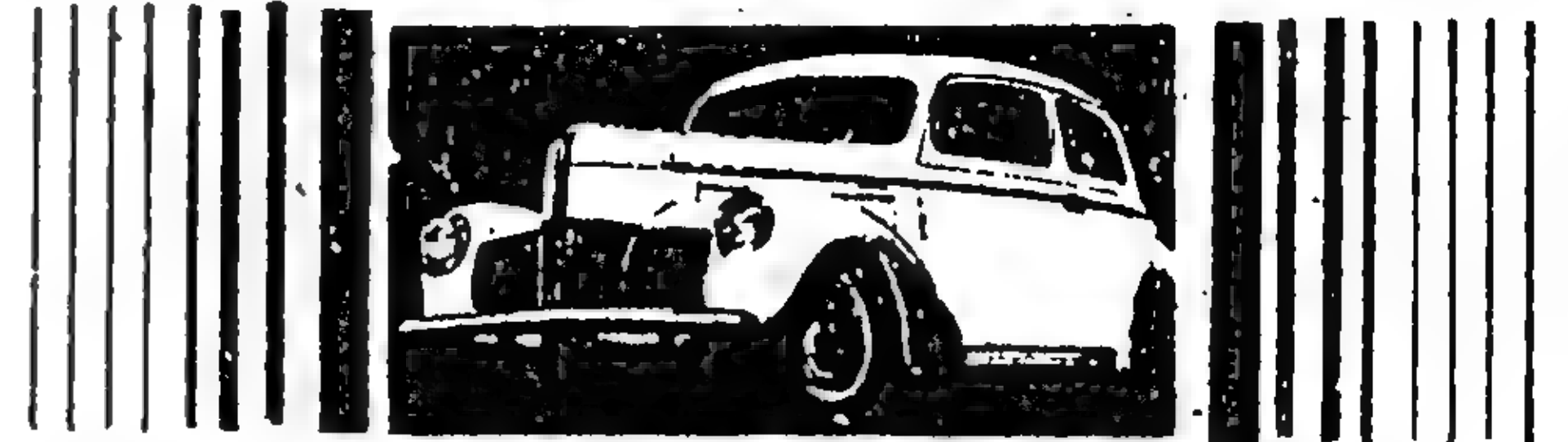
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COMMUNICATION TROUBLE

By The Four Aces

West doubled three no-trump because he expected North to run out to four of a minor; and then West would pass, content to defend against a part-score contract. But North's unexpected redouble gave West a salutary lesson. He was fortunate that South encountered such trouble in getting from one hand to other that he lost the contract.

North, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ A 4 2
♥ K Q 10 8 5
♦ A J 8 7 4
♣ A J 9 6 2
N
W
E
S
♠ K Q 8 7 3
♥ K Q 6 3
♦ 4 2
♣ 10 3

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Dbl.
Redbl.	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the Jack of hearts, East winning the Ace, to return the heart nine. South won with the heart King and wondered how to go about matters. It was too dangerous to cash the Queen of hearts, yet how was he ever going to get back to his own hand? And if he never got back, he might never be able to make use of the heart Queen or the spade honours.

For lack of anything better, he led a diamond from his hand. West played the nine, and South made the fatal error of putting up dummy's Queen. His best chance for the contract was to finesse the ten at once precisely because he might never have another chance to lead diamonds from the South hand.

The spade Ace was next cashed, and a low club returned. East ducked, and South's ten forced out West's club Queen. West returned a club, and dummy's finesse lost to East's King. East realised what was going on, so returned a club, forcing dummy into the lead. Dummy cashed the clubs, but was then obliged to lead diamonds; and West made two diamond tricks to defeat the contract.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A 1
♥ 9 7 4
♦ K 8 6 5 3
♣ A K 2

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Burnston
1♣	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid two diamonds. Despite the considerable high-card strength, the hand is not strong enough for a jump-bid. The best course is to make an exploratory bid and show the strength later on.

Score 100% for two diamonds, 60% for three diamonds, 40% for two no-trump, 30% for three no-trump.

Question No. 608

To-day you are Merwin Maier's partner, and with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A J
♥ J 10 7
♦ K 10 9 7 4
♣ A K J

The bidding:

Maier	Jacoby	You	Burnston
1♥	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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The gay young blade says tripping the light fantastic toe does more for him than wearing callouses on his feet.

RAMMED BY ACCIDENT

A FIGHTER PILOT "BECAME A LOCAL HERO" AFTER CRASHING HIS DAMAGED HURRICANE INTO AN ENEMY BOMBER.

But he did not mean to ram the bomber. A bullet striking his Hurricane had made his lateral control useless just when he had begun to attack a bomber formation.

"My Hurricane hit an enemy bomber — a Dornier 17—tearing one of its wings off," he said. "The Hurricane was wrenched clear of the enemy aircraft minus its port wing and most of the engine. The cockpit was full of fumes and the machine was falling out of control in an inverted spin, so I left hurriedly.

"I pulled my rip-cord a couple of seconds later, because I was too scared to do a delayed drop. I saw the enemy aircraft explode after three people had baled out.

I then saw another Dornier 17 spinning into the clouds minus part of its wing. I landed in a ploughed field, and just afterwards another Dornier 17 spun out of the clouds and crashed about two miles away."

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



"Oh, guido!"

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Names made famous towards the end of the Great War and by the Peace Treaty are becoming familiar in the Army, Navy, and Air Force again.

This is due to the calling to the colours of men born during those hectic years.

Common among the Christian names of these new soldiers are Lloyd George, Winston Churchill, Joffre, Foch, Haig, Beatty, Trenchard, and many others whose names were to the fore including scores of Alberts and Leopolds, named after the fighting King of the Belgians.

Lloyd George is an easy first in the popular choice of parents of the later years of the Great War, with Winston as second favourite.

Place names also figure in the list—Verdun, Versailles, Mons, Arras, Dunkirk, Amiens, Vimy, and so on.

Most popular would seem to be that of Mons, while Albert Liege, in tribute to the gallant defence of the Belgian city, is a common conjunction.

NAZI BEER IS 'FIZZ'

The German army is the French champagne industry's best customer, states a report issued by the German commissioner for the champagne industry in Paris.

Before the champagne industry was handed over to the German commissioner—on the suggestion of the French owners themselves, it is said—the German army had already requisitioned 400,000 bottles.

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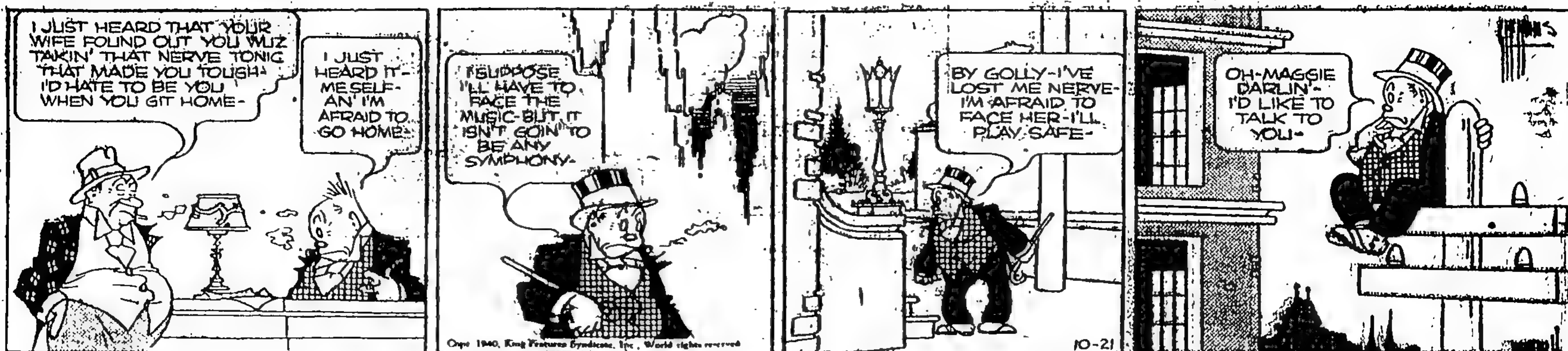
French merchants and farmers refused to deliver farm produce to the cities unless they were allowed to sell their champagne.

So the Germans now refuse champagne licences to those who cannot prove that they are selling farm produce to the city as well.

There are ample champagne stores available to meet all the requirements of Europe this year.

Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Home Calisthenics

Of course, I hope you have joined a badminton club, or other game groups to get the exercise you need to keep your body conditioned. But if you haven't, and if a gym class is out of the question, you may restyle your body and keep it healthy right in your own home.

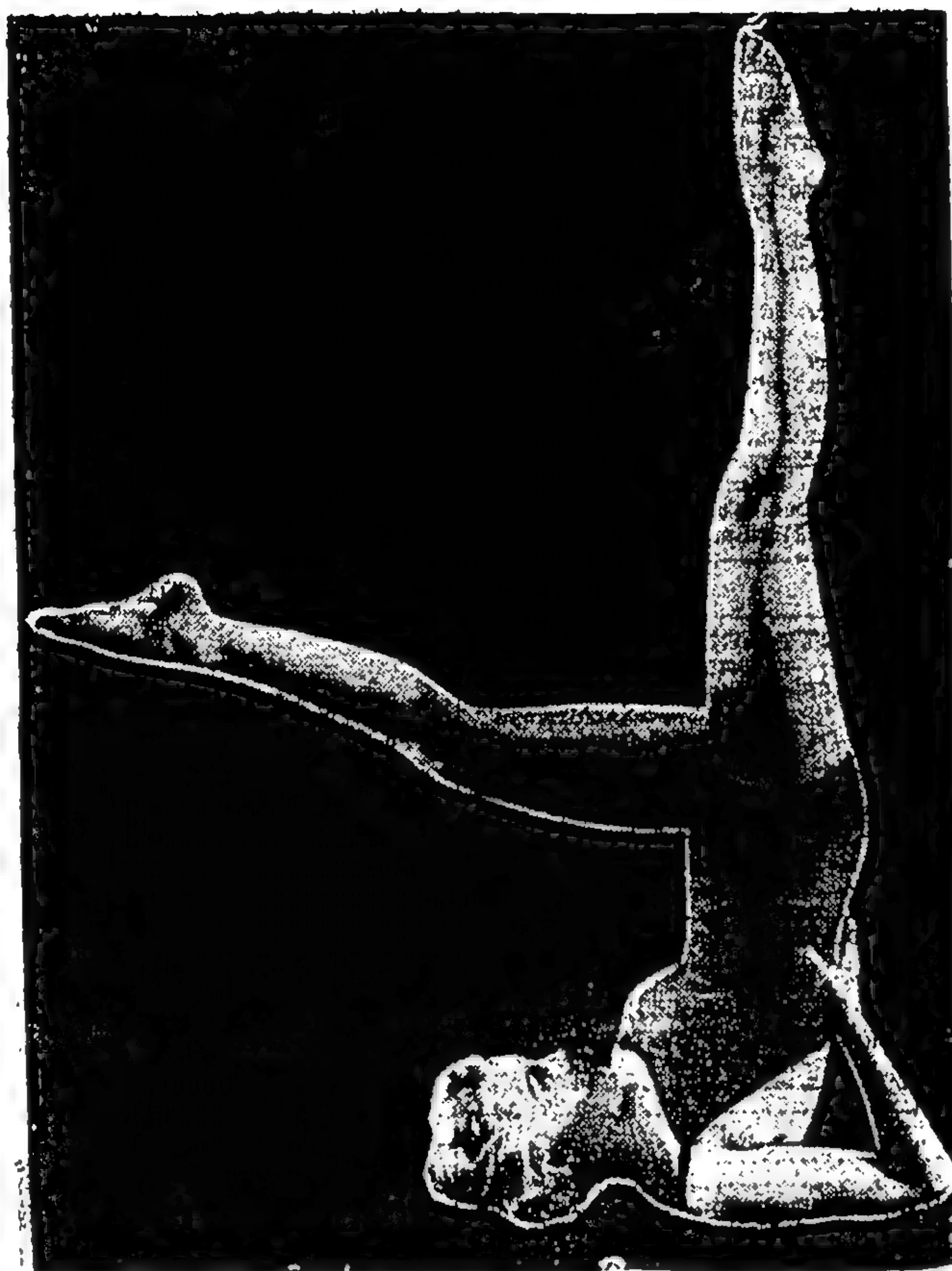
Determining to exercise every day at home, and sticking to your resolution, requires stamina. It isn't easy to spread a blanket on the floor, get into an exercising suit or loose clothing, and get down on the floor to roll and kick to radio music. But this exercise problem is greatly simplified if you determine to do it the same hour every day. Most women find the early hour before they break fast the most convenient for beautifying. Or when husband and children have been packed off for the day and peace reigns at home.

Rising a half hour earlier is not difficult once you make it a habit and it is most beneficial. Most of us awaken at least a half hour before we actually get out of bed. We lie in bed and drowse. We would be much healthier if we got up at once when we awakened—providing we rested sufficiently during the night.

As one should exercise before a meal or at least one hour after a meal it seems logical that the half hour before breakfast is an excellent time—before eating or bathing or dressing, and directly after morning elimination. Your room is well aired at this time, too. From fifteen to twenty minutes of exercising is enough to keep you in splendid form.

"But," you complain, "how am I to know which exercises I should do? I think I need a teacher."

You are quite capable of planning your own schedule. If you follow this page faithfully, you



The "scissors" in mid-air is an excellent movement stretching and slimming thighs, legs and hips.

have learned that exercises are presented for every figure flaw. You know what is wrong with your figure. You know where you

have stiffness or aches. Then you should clip any exercise which will correct your figure flaws or relieve those aches.

By practicing an exercise three or four times you may quickly determine if it is reaching the muscles which cry for toning. You may have a little ache for a day or two from muscles which have been too long inactive, but as the days pass you will feel your body asking for more exercise. You will then take pleasure in stretching, and rolling, stooping and kicking. The renewed vitality you experience will compensate you for your efforts!

Begin With Limbering

I always advise girls and women to begin an exercise routine by first limbering. That is, you must ease the stiffness of your spine and stretch your neglected muscles gradually and easily. When you have mastered your body and can bid it relax, that is the time to go in for the restyling programme. So do be sensible and limber first!

It last twice as long and look much glossier.

From Wrist To Finger Tip

Finally, remember to rub your hands with some softening cream or lotion every night. A proper lemon-scented hand-jelly or lotion is best, but if that's not available, any cold cream will do, or even almond oil. Nightly creaming will keep hands soft and white, however hard the work you're doing during the day.

I know that there are still plenty of hand problems that I haven't had room to talk to you about. There's the problem of hands that will look red no matter how you cream them; that's a sign of bad circulation and you need curative exercises and massage movements.

Look After Your Hands

Very important is your grooming, especially of these two most noticeable and telling features about you—your hands.

I'll guarantee that two minutes' beauty care snatched here and there in the day will keep them as soft and white as anyone could wish.

An excellent "wrinkle" for keeping your hands smooth and soft is lemon juice. Scrounge the squeezed halves of lemon from the kitchen and rub well into the skin. Massage all the juice into your hands and don't rinse it away.

Smooth As Silk

Another excellent tip is to make a fresh lather after you have washed your hands, and work this new lather right into your hands till the skin is quite dry and smooth. That will keep the skin deliciously soft and satiny. But do be sure that the soap is a really super-fatted complexion soap, not a harsh one.

Then there's the problem of keeping your nailtips white. Keep by you either a nail white pen or nail floss, sometimes it's quite impossible to get a really clear white tip without the help of these.

Hard cuticles are such an irritating and ugly problem, and they apt to occur the moment you neglect your nails. The best cure of

all is to paint your cuticles with oil, and then slip on a pair of old cotton gloves to sleep in.

If you really and truly can't sleep in gloves, tie little thimbles of cotton wool soaked in oil round each fingertip, or simply massage the cuticle with oil till every drop has been absorbed. Don't be tempted to cut the cuticle whatever happens, or you will make it grow twice as thick and hard.

Brittle or breaking nails need nourishment too. There's a special nail cream for them, or the oil treatment I've been telling you about is a great help. Make use of the oily cuticle and varnish removers, they're much less drying.

Incidentally, please don't keep your nails too short. File them to a rounded tip just beyond the edge of your finger, and don't cut the corners or you'll get those annoying little ends, half-skin, half-nail, called hang-nails.

Don't give up varnish altogether. If you find it takes too long to leave half-moons and tips, put the varnish evenly all over the fingernail from cuticle to tip. It's tremendously smart, takes a tenth of the time, and makes your nails look long and slender.

Do change your varnish if you find it won't stay on. There are dozens of different makes of varnish, for the simple reason that different makes suit different people. I am using one now that stays on a whole week without a crack or chip.

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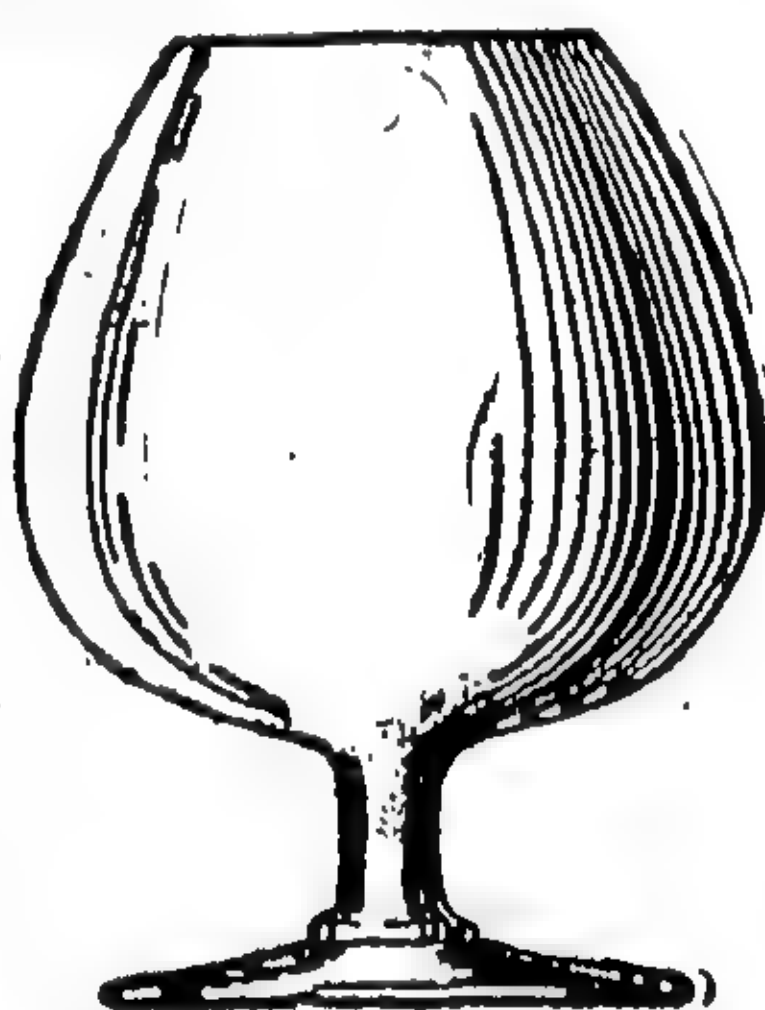
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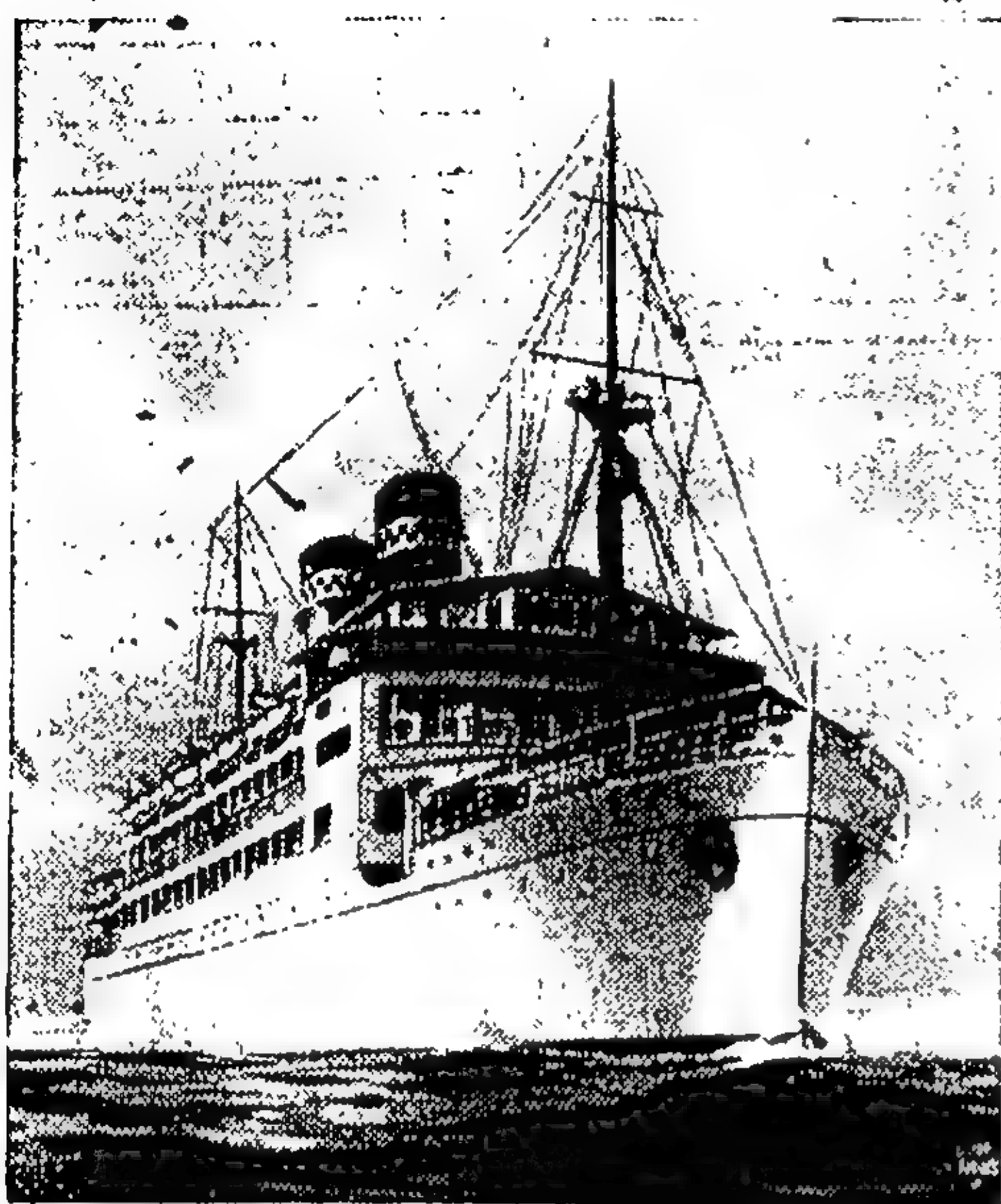
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LONDON BANKERS:—

Record Crowd Sees Baseballers Beat Recreio Aces

Stormy Outbursts Of Protest Indians Have Revenge On The Cyclones

By "Grandstand"

A RECORD CROWD turned out on Sunday to see the Hong Kong Baseballers down the Recreio Aces by 6-3 and retain the softball leadership.

The game was featured by stormy outbursts of protest against the umpires, which, however, subsided after a few minutes.

Cy Jones, on the mound for the victors, spaced six hits and was helped by two Leight to Hearther double-plays in pitching his side to victory over the Aces, while Gerry Gosano, toiling on the hill for the losers, doled out six safeties. Both Jones and Gosano walked one apiece.

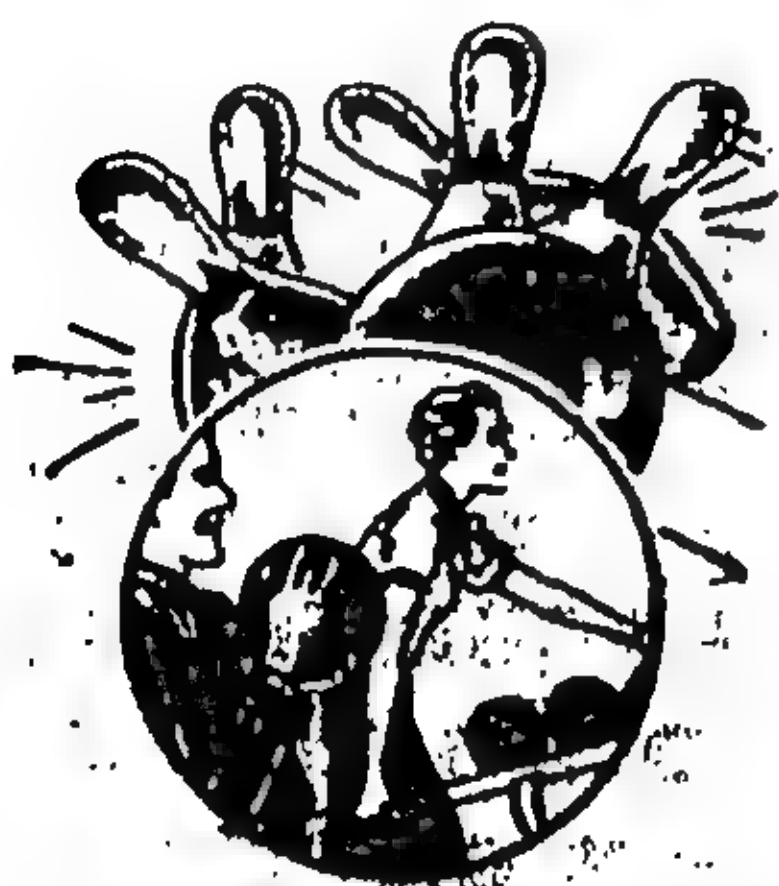
The Mohawks had the jump on the Aces when lead-off batter Joe Reardon singled, pilfered second and scored on Lou Light's sacrifice to centre. Failing to take advantage of two fumbles in a row, which put ducks in the pond for the Aces, Spotty Pereira was nailed at the plate on Zinho Gosano's bunt, whilst Eddie "Doctor" Gosano hit into a double-play to retire the side.

G. N. Gosano Triples

In the next stanza both sides went out in one, two, three order. Hurler Gerry Gosano tripled and dented the counting station on Spotty Pereira's sacrifice fly to left, to tie the score, but, a scratch single by Crews in the third helped by a miff and two wild heaves, piled up the Mohawk tallies to three.

In the fourth the Gosano brothers, Zinho, Eddie and Bertie, were all flagged at first, whilst Hearther, Davis and Crews of the Baseballers fled out for a shutout innings. In the fifth the Aces cut down the lead when third-sacker Leight fumbled an easy bounder, to give Nick Beltrao a life. Beltrao burgled second and romped home on a wild pitch, but Joe "Dead-end" Morris did a Ty Cobb as he tore around the bags to score whilst hind-sacker Charlie Figueiredo was hunting for Reardon with the ball after Reardon had slid home without touching the plate.

In the sixth chapter the Aces choked the sacks with none away on a single, a bunt and a fielder's choice, but Bertie Gosano's Ruthian ambitions soon faded as he popped out to Fitch. Tony Alves, however, scored on Fitches' miff of Beltrao's pop fly. Spotty Pereira, running for Zinho Gosano, got bunt signals all crossed up and was caught napping off third. Figueiredo fled out to end the rally. Two more Waggoner-men crossed the pan in the sixth on a pair of hits and two miscues.



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The Aces still had a chance in the last, as Gerry Gosano and Pereira both singled with one away, but Tony "Peewee" Alves hit into the second Leight-Hearther double-killing of the day for the game to end.

Recreio twirler Gerry Gosano took batting honours by returning a clean 1,000 in the three trips to the plate, which included a triple, the longest clout of the game.

Indians' Revenge

Massaging the shoots of Cyclone hurler Carlos "Kelly" Silva-Netto for 10 safeties, the Indians had their revenge by handing out a 12-7 lacing to the Cyclones.

The Indians only chalked up one in the first on a pass and a miscue, whilst the Cyclones replied with two on a pair of singles, but, helped by a series of bingles in the second frame the Indians garnered four tallies.

After the Cyclones had collected two runs in their turn with the stick on a pass and a miff, the Indians went into scull sessions and derrickd hurler Kassa Nazarin in favour of right-gardener Savage Hassan, who made his initial appearance on the slab, conceding three hits and three runs for the remaining 5-2/3 innings of the game.

Silva-Netto walked three and was guilty of two wild pitches, whilst Indian hurlers Nazarin and Hassan passed two and one respectively.

Abbas Consistent

Indian second-sacker "Baby" Abbas kept his leadership in the up-to-date batting averages by connecting safely two in three times, but Sherry Bux and Tarzan Ismail returned the best average for the game by batting .750 in four trips. Two-baggers were batted in by "Baby" Abbas, Tarzan Ismail, Kassa Nazarin and Silva-Netto. Recovering from the shellacking of a week ago, the Saints emerged victors in an 8-4 verdict over the Chinese Baseballers in the night-cap.

Den Cray, on the slab for the Lumen, sent nine Collegians down swinging with his fast ones and George Souza, making his bow at the plate to inaugurate the first frame, swung at three fading upshoots which missed his bat by at least a mile to be the first victim. And was he red under the collar when he tied himself into a knot a second time in the next chapter! Even the fact that he moundsman, Frankie Gonzales, had fanned thrice in as many turns failed to console him.

Costly Errors

Although sharing 14 hits with the Saints, six costly errors spelled defeat for a listless team of Lumen.

Collegian hot corner guardlan, Dave Leonard, batted safely two in three, which included a double, for the best stick-work.

NO FANLING HOUNDS

The meet of the Fanling hounds scheduled for Sheung Shui crossroads at 2.45 p.m. to-day has been cancelled because of unforeseen circumstances.

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

SENIOR LEAGUE				
	Won	Lost	Pctg	
Hong Kong Baseballers	7	2	.778	
St. Joseph's	7	2	.778	
Indians	6	3	.667	
Cyclones	6	4	.600	
Recreio Aces	4	3	.571	
Chinese Baseballers	3	4	.429	
Filipinos	1	7	.125	
Canadian Chinese	0	9	.000	
JUNIOR LEAGUE				
Chung Hwa	7	0	1.000	
V.R.C.	5	1	.833	
R.A.F.	5	2	.714	
Recreio Bees	5	3	.625	
South China	3	2	.600	
Cosmos	4	3	.571	
Liga Portuguesa	3	3	.500	
Royal Scots	3	4	.429	
8th R.A.	2	6	.250	
C.B.A.	1	7	.125	
Royal Engineers	0	6	.000	
LADIES LEAGUE				
Canadian Chinese	8	0	1.000	
Wildcats	7	1	.875	
Wahops	8	2	.800	
Panthers	5	4	.556	
Cardinals	4	5	.444	
Ramblerettes	3	7	.300	
Little Flowers	1	8	.111	
Chung Hwa	0	9	.000	
INTER-HONG LEAGUE				
Hong Kong Bankers	3	0	1.000	
Shell Oilers	3	1	.750	
Lacas	2	1	.667	
Texaco	2	1	.667	
Chartered Bankers	1	1	.500	
Greenspots	0	3	.000	
Cables	0	4	.000	

CHUNG HWA'S SEVENTH WIN IN A ROW

By "Grandstand"

Chung Hwa registered their seventh consecutive softball win, by shutting out the Recreio Bees in a 6-0 whitewashing, the game being featured by almost errorless fielding on the part of the victors.

Jay Liu, on the mound for Chung Hwa, taking advantage of good fielding, pitched a four-hitter, passed none and fanned none, whilst Busy Bee slabster George Guterres issued six free tickets to first and only succeeded in fanning lead-off batter P F Choy after working up a three and two count.

A Wasted Bunt

In the first frame no hits or runs were made by either side, but Chung Hwa broke the ice in the second stanza on a walk, a fumble and Bill Chang's single. In the Bees' turn with the hickory, Dick Alves singled, but was run down between second and third on Toto Prata's wasted bunt. Hurler Jay Liu worked Guterres for a pass, but further attempts to score were snuffed by a smart double-killing from third-sacker Jimmy Remedios to keystoner Wilfred Lawrence. In the next inning Kwok singled, and was squeezed across on Richard Chung's sacrifice dump. In the fourth frame the Chung Hwa squad was erased in one, two, three order and although the Bees put two on bases on a bloy and a fumble, Jimmy Remedios failed to come through in the clutch with a hit.

With the bases loaded, in the fifth, the Chung Hwa team didn't score a run. Kwok, who was perched on third, being tagged for running before Al Lau's sacrifice to deep left was handled.

Two more markers in the seventh, in addition to Bill Chang's four-bagger, with one aboard in the sixth, put the game on ice for Chung Hwa. Bill Chang of Chung Hwa and Dick Alves of the Bees both connected safely two in three times.

Second Trimming

South China handed out the second trimming of the day when they trimmed the Royal Scots at the time of 14-0 in a game featuring brilliant fielding by South China, whilst on the other hand, although the Royal Scots know-

THELMA COLLACO PITCHES WILDCATS TO FINE VICTORY

By "Grandstand"

LIMITING THE PANTHERS to only two mealey singles, Thelma Collaco pitched the Wildcats to a 11-2 triumph in the Ladies' Softball League on Sunday in which eight costly errors, of which short-stop Regina Xavier was guilty of no less than three, proved disastrous for the losers.

Slabstress Thelma Collaco passed two and fanned two, while the Panther twirler only accounted for one Wildcat via the strike-out route.

Irene "Slugger" Pereira, Gloria Mar and Thelma Collaco all connected safely two in four times, but the latter's double was the only extra base-clout of the fray. Wildcat keystoneer Thelma (call me Josephine) Motta hasn't quite got over the shock of perfectly handling all seven fielding chances that came her way, especially when she came up with Theresita Botelho's hoist to short centre, after being toppled by centre gardener Virginia Chu, who came tearing in full steam ahead.

Irene Pereira Given Life

Lead ng off in the Wildcat batting, Irene Pereira was given a life on a wild heave and breezed home on Mary Mar's single. The latter also scored on a bad throw to the plate. Both sides were retired in order in the next frame. The Pantherettes first run came across in the third on two successive bobbles, but the Unlained Felines shellacked them for four markers on three safeties in their turn at bat. In the fifth both sides chalked up one more tally, but the Wildcats sewed the game up in the next chapter on another spurge of four runs.

Fine Pitching

In the Recreio-Wahoo clash, the latter triumphed over the Ramblerettes by 13-4 in a game highlighted by Therese Noronha's two-hit pitching, whilst her teammates combed Ramblerette slabstress for eight safeties, of which first-sacker Yvonne Yolle's three for four was the best performance with the stick.

Irene Castilho slashed the only two-bagger of the fracas and drove one in. Therese Noronha fanned five and walked two, whilst Gerry Jorge passed one and whiffed none.

In the initial frame the Aces scored one on a miff and a single, but Yvonne Yolle pilfered home in the Owls turn at bat to tie the count, both sides being unable to score in the second.

After producing three clusters of runs, totalling 12, in the next three innings, reserves were thrown into the fray.

Besides fielding 10 chances without a fumble, Yvonne Yolle's sole five bases.

Flowers Crushed

In the other tilt, the Canuckettes battered the Little Flowers with 14 safeties to register a 27-1 victory in a five-inning game. Florin-

ledge of the game seemed good, their handling of the ball could have been much better. South China hurler Bill Quon was content to toss them in to the Scots, depending on his ballhawks who clamped their hands on everything that came their way.

Harry "Gabby" Chinn, plugging up the windy alley in place of Nelson Ma, played a good game, covering every inch of his territory. South China scored in the early stages of the game, to lay the foundation for their victory, and ended up with a fifth-inning barrage of hits, including hind-sacker Cecil "Sparks" Winglee's four-marker and triples by Charlie Ng Chung-wah, Nellie Ma and Bill Kum.

In the sixth, the Royal Scots had a chance to break into the scoring column when the bases were souped with one away, but they couldn't produce the needed hit.

R.A.F. just managed to take the points from the Cosmopolitans by taking a 18-16 decision, whilst the 8th A.A. had another game credited to them on receiving a walk-over from the Sappers.

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TIGER HOME RUN SPECIALIST IS LEAGUE'S MOST VALUABLE

Big Henry Greenberg, Detroit outfielder and home run specialist, is the American League's "most valuable player" for the second time in six years, writes a correspondent in the "Christian Science Monitor."

TO-DAY'S BADMINTON

CHUNG WAH SHOULD BEAT KING'S COLLEGE

By "Adrem"

There is only one match on to-day's programme of Junior Division League badminton matches that is likely to be very interesting and this should result in a victory for Chung Wah over King's College.

The latter team is almost identical with last year's and although they are capable of extending Chung Wah, the latter are very well-balanced and should win fairly comfortably providing conditions at the College do not worry them too much.

Recrelo should win easily against Jewish Recreation Club, and St. John's, for whom Eardley will be playing, should account for St. Andrew's although if the Saints, whose team I have been unable to secure, are at full strength they should not let their hosts have matters all their own way.

Kowloon Tong, even without Frank Kwok, should be too good for Police.

PROGRAMME AND SOME TEAMS

Following is to-day's Badminton League programme and some of the teams:—

Recrelo v. J. R. C.
King's v. Chung Wah
St. John's v. St. Andrew's
P. R. C. v. Kowloon Tong
Recrelo:—E. A. R. Alves and C. C. Pereira; P. P. Botelho and P. Yvanovich Jr.; A. E. Xavier and A. E. Noronha
J.R.C.:—M. Talan and A. R. Poliak; J. Odell and B. Godkin; Dr. Ramler and L. Landau
St. John's:—H. Eardley and D. Kwok; P. Wilson and N. L. Smith; R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd
P.R.C.:—V. Mackenzie and H. Dingsdale; J. MacDonald and W. Gillies; L. Gordon and C. Y. Siu
Kowloon Tong:—Peter Lo and Joe Tsang; Richard Lee and S. T. Chan; Lee Po and A. N. Other
King's College:—K. L. Liu and H. T. Woo; S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung; T. Lam and K. H. Lo.

LOCAL CHESS

Results last night in the Junior Tournament of the Kowloon Chess Club were:—A. C. Poupard beat V. V. Kolatchoff, D. Drake beat S. Benjamin, and J. Grefalda beat Th. Laufer.

Five entries have been received so far for the Colony Open Championship. Players entered are C. M. Sequeira, D. E. de Carvalho, K. Weiss, G. S. Coxhead and L. Karpovich.

G.C.C. CRICKET TEAMS

The following have been selected to represent Craigengower Cricket Club in League matches on Saturday, at 2.00 p.m.:

1st XI (v K.C.C., Home):—E. Zimmer (Capt.), P. J. Billimoria, E. H. Esmail, H. G. Foreman, A. B. Hamson, A. J. Hulse, A. K. Ismail, E. J. Mitchell, W. Hong Sling, G. Souza and J. L. Young Saye
Reserve:—T. H. Edgar
2nd XI (v I.R.C. Away):—A. M. Omar (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, U. H. Esmail, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, E. A. Lee, J. W. Leonard, S. Leonard, T. Lock, U. M. Omar and W. K. Way
Reserve:—O. M. Omar and L. Chos

After seven years at first base for the Tigers, Greenberg moved to the outfield "for the good of the team" and experienced one of his brightest seasons, leading the league in home runs and runs batted in. He received the award first in 1935.

A 24-man committee, representing the Baseball Writers' Association of America, gave the 29-year-old Greenberg 292 points in the annual poll for the award. Bob Feller, Cleveland's young pitcher, trailed the Tiger star with 222 points. Each of the 24 writers listed 10 men in order of preference in addition to others named for honorable mention. A first place vote counted 14 points, second place nine points and so on down to one point for tenth place.

41 Homers

Greenberg, who knocked 41 homers and drove in 150 runs, received 15 first place votes out of a possible 24, seven for second place and one for sixth. Feller was given six first place votes for his brilliant record of 27 victories, and Detroit's Buck Newsom and Cleveland's Lou Boudreau split the other two.

Joe Di Maggio, New York star who led the circuit in batting for the second straight season, fell to third place in the voting after winning the award in 1939. Di Maggio received 151 points, followed by Newsom with 120 and Boudreau with 119. Jimmy Foxe, Boston first baseman and catcher and three-time winner of the "most valuable" designation, drew 110 points.

Schoolboy Rowe of Detroit rated seventh with 62 points, followed by his teammate, Rudy York, 61; Ray Radcliff, St. Louis, 55; Luke Appling, Chicago, 54; Roy Weatherly, Cleveland, 34; Dick Bartell, Detroit, 28; Joe Kubel, Chicago, 18; Sid Hudson, Washington, and Ted Williams, Boston, 16 each; Barney McCosky, Detroit, 11; Ernie Bonhom, New York, 8; and Walt Judnich, St. Louis, 6.

Johnny Babeich, Philadelphia, got five votes; Mike Tresh, Chicago; Frank Hayes, Philadelphia, and Ray Mack, Cleveland, four each; Joe Gordon, New York; Cecil Travis, Washington; Bob Kennedy, Chicago, and Charles Gehring, Detroit, three each; Rolfe Hemsley, Cleveland and Ted Lyons, Chicago, two each; and Lou Finney, Boston, and Eldon Ayker, St. Louis, one each. The committee which made the selection was headed by Sid Mercer of New York, President of the Association.

BILLIARDS "SOCIAL" AT Y.M.C.A.

Members of the Y.M.C.A. billiards team had a "social" billiards competition last night when two novelty matches were played.

In the first, F. Bowrey won, scoring the required 15 points without touching a plate.

The other game, "billiard bowls," was introduced for the first time by C. Terran. Sixteen entries were run off in pairs, and C. Terran and J. Moulton won.

The Y.M.C.A. team will meet every Tuesday, from 7.30 to 11 p.m., until the end of April.

SUNDAY'S HOCKEY

Following are the Tournament hockey matches to be played on Sunday:—

AT 10.30 A.M.
M.T.B. v. A. N. Other XI
Police "A" v. Police "B"
Recrelo v. Gunboats
Nomads v. 5th A.A. "B"
AT 4.00 P.M.
C.B.A. v. Destroyer
Engineers v. University
5th A.A. "A" v. Punjab
Kha. v. Signals

AMENDED SOCCER PROGRAMME

Following is the amended soccer programme for the week-end. Further postponements are expected.

Saturday

FIRST DIVISION

Club v. Eastern (Club, 4.00 p.m.)
St. Joseph's v. Middlesex (Caroline Hill, 4.00 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

Kwong Wah v. Middlesex (Chatham Road, 4.00 p.m.)
30th R.A. v. Navy (Stanley, 4.00 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

Air Force v. 7th R.A. (St. Joseph's, 4.00 p.m.)
12th R.A. v. 24th R.A. (Stanley, 4.00 p.m.)

JUNIOR SHIELD

(Preliminary Round)
36th R.A. v. Club (Club, 2.30 p.m.)

Sunday

FIRST DIVISION

Sing Tao v. South China (Club, 4.00 p.m.)
Police v. Kwong Wah (Boundary Street, 4.00 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

Police v. Service Corps (Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

20th R.A. v. A.S.A. (Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.)

JUNIOR SHIELD

(Preliminary Round)
Kn Chee v. Sing Tao (Club, 2.30 p.m.)

COTTAGE CLUB PAPER HUNT

The next Cottage Club Paper Hunt will be held on Saturday next at 4 p.m., starting from Fanning Village.

Royal Scots In Army League Final

ROYAL SCOTS QUALIFIED to meet Royal Engineers in the Final of the Army Small Units Rugby League when they defeated Middlesex yesterday by 9 points to 3 points.

Royal Scots were served by a strong three quarter line and in the second half were continually pressing and finished more strongly.

After 20 minutes play Marshall scored for Royal Scots but early in the second half Thomson equalised. Marshall missed a good chance in placing his side further in the lead for after a good run he tried to score in a favourable position but was tackled well.

Bateman soon after scored another try for Royals and before the end Nealon broke through for a try which was not converted.

SCOTS—Stevenson, O'Brien, Hanson, Bateman, Marshall, Phillips, Gracie, Nealon, McKenzie, Durie, Dickson, Hunter, Loughlin, Sims, Livingstone.

MIDDLESEX—Holford, Thom, Radley, Cordery, Dickens, Man, Mageridge, Wilson, Batley, Heather, Kimke, Wookey, Berry, Goddard, Pearce.

ENGINEERS BEAT GUNNERS

Engineers defeated 5th Art. Aircraft Battery a goal and four tries (17) to two tries (6).

The final of the small units league matches will be played on January 21.

HOME FOOTBALL

The following are the results of Home Football matches played yesterday:—

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Dumbarton 2 Falkirk 1
Morton 1 St. Mirren 2
Rangers 2 Celtic 3

FRIENDLY

Queen O'South 0 Preston 3
One Rugby match was played, an Army XV defeating Middlesex by 16 points to 11.—Reuter.

Mr. Chen said that although 1940 was too recent to call for comment, they were still looking forward to winning the football championship this year despite the fact that many of their senior football members had left and joined another organisation.

TO-DAY In Every City on THE GLOBE



Some are enjoying perfect health—others are in hospitals fighting for life. Millions start off in the morning feeling fit and bright but without the slightest warning there comes an attack of pain in the form of Headaches, Neuralgia, Nerviness, etc. Cold and Flu infection is as sudden as an accident. For these ailments the popular world-wide medicine is 'ASPRO'. Its success is due to relief results that are quickly proved and the fact that 'ASPRO' is safe, because it does not harm the heart or have any injurious after-effects. Always use 'ASPRO' according to the directions to relieve Pain and Headaches, Cold, Flu and Rheumatism.

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BARDIA--A LOST CAUSE

Germans Claiming "Moral" Victory For Italians!

AIR RAID RESPITE CONTINUES

For the second night in succession there was no enemy air activity over Britain up to a late hour last night, says Reuter.

THE EVIL THAT IS ADOLF

"ONE GREAT AND TERRIBLE EVIL ABOUT ADOLF HITLER IS THAT HE HAS LARGELY DESTROYED THE OLD WARrior VIRTUES AND HAS SUBSTITUTED A COMPLETE AND THOROUGH-GOING CODE OF FAITHLESSNESS AND RUTHLESSNESS IN THEIR PLACE," STATES THE PHILADELPHIA "ENQUIRER."

The Charlotte "Observer" says: "All mankind in the world, rich and poor, women and children, all races and creeds, all these with many things at variance hold one thing in common—they despise the common thief."

"The German under Hitler is a common thief. He raids the barn and field, stable and kitchen of the weak."

"He isn't even a robber, for he comes not boldly but with a sneaking and false story. He invades by stealth in the night."

"He comes through the back door by means of his Fifth

Giving Libyan Army Time To Re-Group

"A lost cause" is the phrase used by the Berlin "Boersen Zeitung" yesterday in commenting on the fall of Bardia.

The newspaper, quoted by the official German news agency, says: "General Bergonzoli is a tired soldier from the Spanish war, and at Bardia his troops fought for a lost cause to hold off the British offensive as long as possible and give the Libyan army time to re-group—a task which they have performed against a vast superiority in men and material."

"The defenders were only overcome by a massed tank attack after they had run out of munitions."

"This affords convincing proof that in spite of reverses in a subsidiary theatre of war in North Africa the fighting spirit of the Italian soldiers is the same as ever."

"While the British gain a military victory theirs is the moral victory."

"The only thing that is really important and decisive is the battle for Britain, which their troops are losing day by day in and around Britain."

Axis A Unit

"Moreover the despatch of German air formations to Italy shows that hopes of forcing a decision by attacking Italy with the whole strength of the British Empire are illusory."

"The Axis is a unit in politics, ideals and above all in military matters." — Reuter.

Columnists with the aid of traitor and spy." — Reuter.

NAZI PRESSURE ON VICHY

The Nazis are showing intense irritation against Vichy and have taken steps to indicate their desire for a reconstruction of Marshal Petain's Government, to include the German candidate.

The proposal for a Triumvirate — to consist of Admiral Darlan, General Huntziger and M. Flan-din — news of which leaked out some days ago, did not meet with German approval and inspired a German denial.

Since then, the Germans have been complaining over the Paris Radio about the delay in coming to a decision at Vichy, and yesterday the German Radio broadcast a statement that the discussion between the statesmen at Vichy will be concluded to-day or to-morrow.

The German Radio said that a Government reconstruction will follow. — Reuter.

FOLLOWING UP TO TOBRUK

The Italian aerodrome of El Adem, just outside Tobruk, has been taken by our forces, who found 40 unserviceable 'planes on the field.

Further raids have been carried out by the R.A.F. on the foreshore and military targets in Tobruk itself, but full details could not be observed.

Two aerodromes beyond Tobruk were raided with success, while in the Tobruk area a Caproni-41 was shot down and a fighter probably destroyed, others being damaged.

A military communique yesterday said that operations against Tobruk are proceeding satisfactorily. In the Sudan, east of Gallabat, our patrols have inflicted casualties on the enemy, while there is no change in Kenya.

General Wavell is waiting no time following the fall of Bardia and British mechanised troops are already in contact with the outer defences of Tobruk. — Reuter.

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STOP PRESS

ON THE EVE OF THE ROOSEVELT BUDGET SPEECH, WHICH IS HARDLY LESS IMPORTANT THAN MONDAY'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS, BECAUSE IT WILL INDICATE CONCRETE PROPOSALS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE PRESIDENT'S MORE AID TO BRITAIN POLICY, THE "WASHINGTON POST" WRITES THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS ENTERED INTO A MORAL AND MATERIAL ALLIANCE WITH BRITAIN, GREECE AND CHINA.

The paper adds that the President's Message shows its firm contract.

It is widely agreed in Washington that the aggressors themselves are largely the architects of the electric revolution in United States policy, because the Italo-Germano-Japanese pact first conveyed an open threat to America, since when the "three powers have been rubbing it in with truculent speeches and three-power military talks in Berlin."

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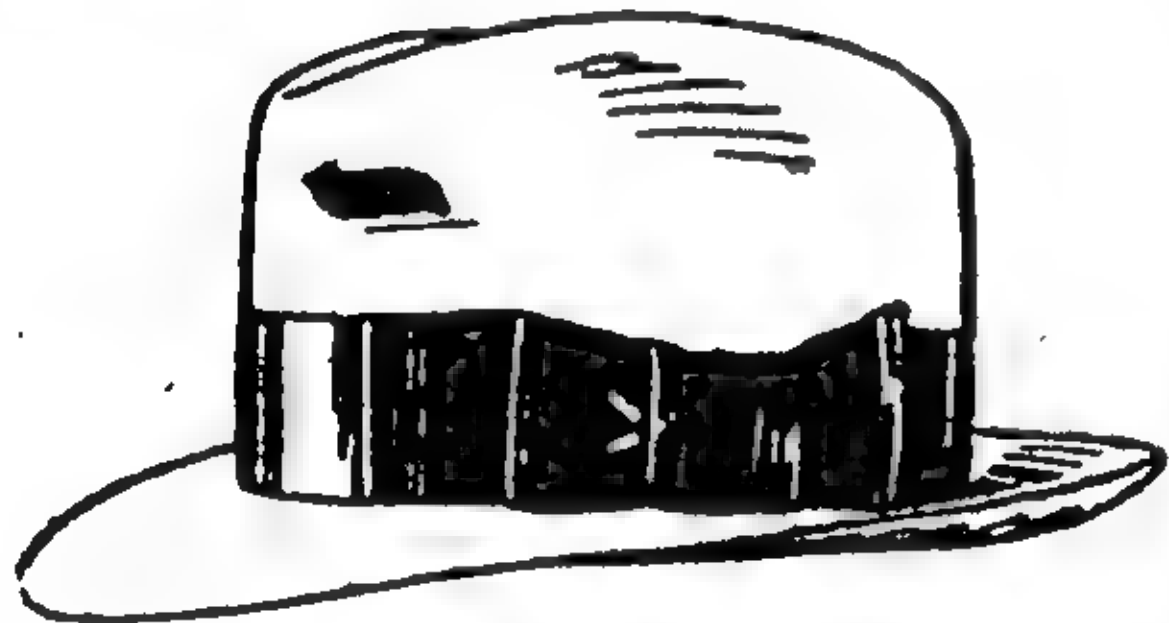


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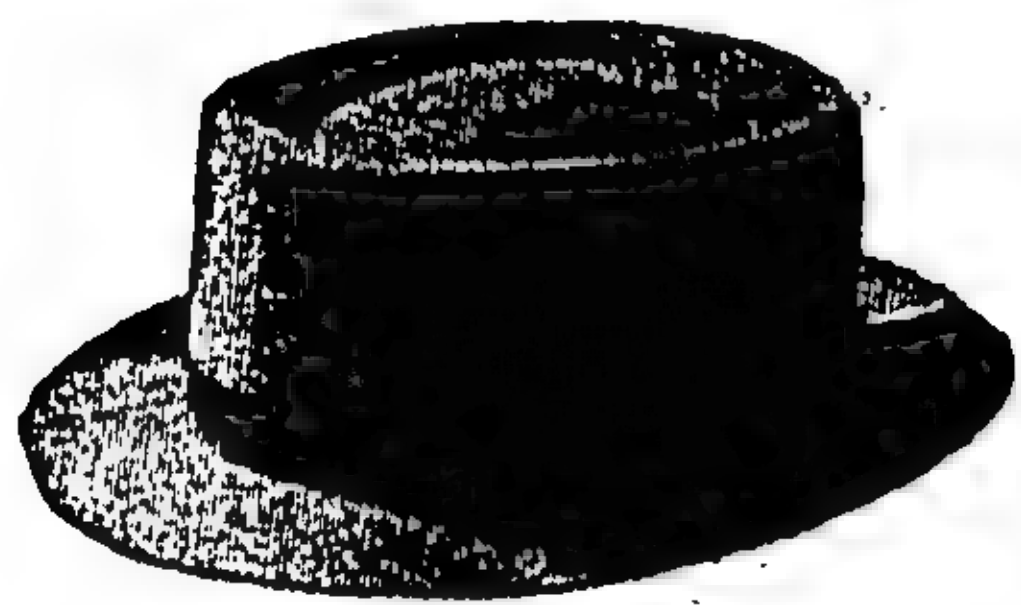


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Russia's powerful Black Sea fleet last night was reported in Vichy to be massing off the principal Bulgarian port of Varna, coincident with rumours that German troops for the first time are entering Bulgaria.

Usually reliable quarters in Vichy said Soviet vessels have taken up menacing positions less than 100 miles from the Bulgarian-Turkish frontier.

They declared that Germany's reported move in Bulgaria is a direct blow against the Soviet. Reich troops are reported to be attempting to reach Salonika and the Dardanelles in an effort to keep Russia from sending oil and munitions to Turkey and Greece.

VICHY SOURCES ALSO SAID THAT STILL MORE GERMAN TROOPS ARE ENTERING RUMANIA. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

America In Moral Alliance

ON THE EVE OF THE ROOSEVELT BUDGET SPEECH, WHICH IS HARDLY LESS IMPORTANT THAN MONDAY'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS, BECAUSE IT WILL INDICATE CONCRETE PROPOSALS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE PRESIDENT'S MORE AID TO BRITAIN POLICY, THE "WASHINGTON POST" WRITES THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS ENTERED INTO A MORAL AND MATERIAL ALLIANCE WITH BRITAIN, GREECE AND CHINA.

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WEATHER FORECAST: North-east winds, fresh; fair generally.

Grim Plight Facing Occupied Countries

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LATEST FIRST-HAND news from Europe was brought to New York yesterday by Miss Anne Morgan, J. P. Morgan's sister, and was correspondents Merrill Mueller, of International News, and Quentin Reynolds, of "Collier's Weekly," when the liner "Exeter" arrived from Lisbon with 187 passengers.

Miss Morgan declared that people in German-occupied France, where she directed charities of her American Friends of France organisation, badly need food.

She predicted that in another month the plight of people in Nazi-held countries such as France, Holland and Belgium, would be "desperate."

Mr. Mueller paid high tribute to British morale and to the "courage and efficiency of the R.A.F."

He is writing an official book on the R.A.F. for the reading public of the United States.

Not Enough

Mr. Reynolds who, like Mr. Mueller, has been covering the bombing of England in recent months, said the help America so far has given Britain is "not enough."

Mr. Reynolds advocated that the United States "come into the war 100 per cent."

Miss Morgan, in travelling through Spain to reach Lisbon, said she was touched by Spain's plight and said Spaniards "are very hungry and we may have to do something about it." — International News Service.

BLITZKRIEG EXPERT TO TAKE COMMAND

Field-Marshal List, one of Germany's blitzkrieg experts, is to arrive in Rumania shortly with a staff of five generals to take over command of German troops there, says a Bucharest despatch received in Belgrade last night.

Marshal List commanded the German troops in the Polish campaign.

Baron Manfred von Killinger, new German Minister to Rumania, is due in Bucharest on Sunday. — Reuter.

FOUR-MAN BOARD TO SPUR U.S. ARMS DRIVE

A SUPREME DIRECTORATE for the United States defence programme, to speed up arms production, was established by President Roosevelt yesterday.

The Directorate comprises Mr. William Knudsen, as Director-General; Mr. Sidney Hillman, the Labour leader, as Associate Director-General; Mr. Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War, and Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of Navy.

President Roosevelt announced that the Directorate had been given full authority to formulate and execute policies for armament production.

By an Executive Order, President Roosevelt has established an office of production management for defence, which will be only nominally under his control.

Simultaneously President Roosevelt released to reporters a statement signed by all four members of the Directorate in which they said the task confronting them was "not only of critical importance but also one of surpassing urgency."

Arsenal Of Democracy

They promised "all that we have" to fulfil President Roosevelt's order to create an "arsenal of democracy" in the United States and called for cooperation from every person in the country to make that arsenal adequate for the defence of Democracy and freedom. — Reuter.

BILL OF HEALTH

Nineteen cases of tuberculosis, eight of dysentery, three of typhoid and two important cases of measles, were registered with the Health Authorities yesterday.

GREEK WARSHIPS BOMBARD VALONA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was announced in Athens last night that Greek destroyers penetrated the Italian Adriatic defences and blasted the vital base of Valona for the third time, while British planes pounded the port with bombs. — International News Service.

TOBRUK A RAGING INFERNO

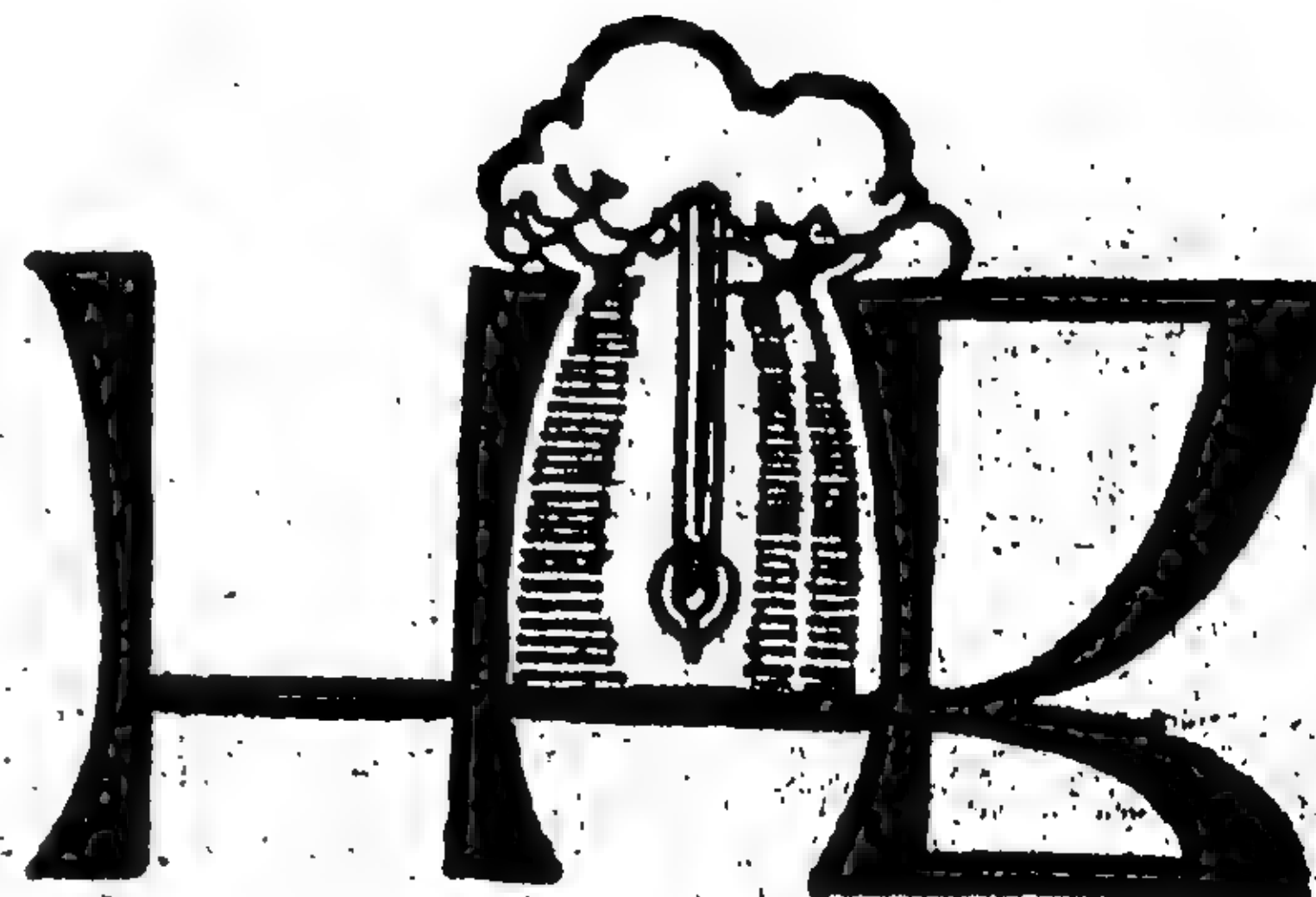
(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tobruk and Tripoli were raging infernos last night following British air raids as Tobruk's first vital defence point fell into the hands of swiftly advancing British forces who captured El Adem airport.

It was announced that 40 Italian planes, rendered unserviceable by R.A.F. bombs, were captured.

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HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

In Time To Meet Expected Axis Offensive In Spring

U.S. PLANS OF AID TO BRITAIN

TO-DAY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AGAIN GOES BEFORE CONGRESS WITH A STATEMENT HARDLY LESS IMPORTANT THAN HIS "WE CANNOT LET THE DEMOCRACIES SURRENDER" MESSAGE ON MONDAY.

"The President will present his Budget recommendations for the new fiscal year, of which the main interest will be the amount of what President Roosevelt on Monday called "those greatly increased new appropriations" for armaments and national defence.

BLOW FOR MARSHAL GRAZIANI

"BARDIA'S FALL IS A PARTICULARLY HEAVY BLOW FOR MARSHAL GRAZIANI, WHO HAS NOW LOST OVER HALF THE LAND FORCES AVAILABLE FOR THE DEFENCE OF CYRENAICA," WROTE THE MILITARY CORRESPONDENT OF THE STOCKHOLM "TIDNINGEN" YESTERDAY.

"The British are so superior that a continuation of offensive operations is possible provided supplies are ensured by sea—which can be done unless strong Italian and German air units are put into the struggle.

"It is hardly likely, however, that a strong German air force could be based in Africa, while the distance from Italy makes effective and continuous bombing in Africa doubtful."—Reuter.

BELATED DIVERSION

Defeated in Libya, the Italian propaganda forces have attempted a belated diversion in Palestine.

Rome radio stated yesterday morning that Arab rebels are constantly attacking lines of communication and military objectives in Palestine. British armoured cars, it is alleged, were blown up by land mines and military posts attacked and destroyed.

"In this there is no truth whatever. There has been no recent incident in Palestine and no conflict between British soldiers and the civil population.

It is, in fact, nine months since an Arab shot a British soldier or a British soldier an Arab.—British Wireless.

CAMEL CORPS TAKE TO ARMoured CARS

THE FAMOUS SOMALILAND CAMEL CORPS HAS BEEN COMPLETELY REORGANISED AND RE-EQUIPPED, SAYS A NAIROBI MESSAGE.

It has joined the East African forces under its old name—but with armoured cars instead of camels.—Reuter.

JAPAN SHAKEN BY U.S. STAND

All the Tokyo metropolitan newspapers bitterly attack President Roosevelt's Message to Congress, which they call a "virtual declaration of war against the Axis."

The "Nichi-Nichi" emphasises the part of the Message that "the United States should become the arsenal of the Democratic countries," and states this is equal to a virtual declaration of war towards those countries who are now fighting England and the Chungking regime.

The paper voices the firm determination of the Japanese Imperial forces to frustrate American plans to ship ammunition to Chungking through the Japanese blockade.

The "Hochi Shimbun" states this is just another move in widening the gap between the United States and the Axis powers which has been solely made by a series of challenging American attitudes, such as more positive assistance to England by all means short of war, the advance of loans to Chungking, and a common strategy by the British, United States and Australian navies against Japan.—Reuter.

HORSE SENSE IN RAIDS

London's horses have become raid-conscious. As soon as they hear the siren they all pull-up of their own accord these days.

"When their drivers loose them from the shafts they walk to the rear of the vehicles without being shown the way and patiently stand there until the "All clear." "Then they seem to sense that all is well," a well-known West End veterinary surgeon told the press.

"In nine cases out of ten they get impatient if their drivers do not release them immediately to start on their rounds again."

Cats Know, Too

But not only horses know their way about in raids. In one severely bombed district two cats, evacuated once to a nearby animal centre because their homes were burned out, now return regularly to the centre every time the sirens go.

During the bombing of London there have been many "human" animal stories.

LIGHTNING LOSER

FOR THE THEFT OF \$6,000 IN CHINESE CURRENCY FROM A SHOP ASSISTANT IN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL YESTERDAY, CHAN CHUEN, 21, WAS SENTENCED TO TWO MONTHS' HARD LABOUR BY MR. G. T. LOWRY THIS MORNING.

The shop foki put a rattan basket containing the money on the ground while purchasing cigarettes. A few seconds later, he discovered that the basket had disappeared. He then made a report to the Police.

A Chinese detective later arrested the defendant, and \$300 in Chinese currency was recovered. Defendant alleged that he spent the rest gambling. Detective Sub-Inspector F. W. Fowle prosecuted.

LANCASHIRE MAN KILLED IN SHANGHAI

H Latham, the 36-year-old Briton, who was killed by hold-up men in a Shanghai post office yesterday, was born in Bolton, Lancashire. He came to Shanghai two and a half years ago, and is survived by his wife.—Reuter.

GREENLAND OCCUPIED BY U.S.?

American troops are "occupying" Greenland and American police are posted in the town of Ivigtut, according to kryolite miners who have just returned to Copenhagen.

They stated yesterday (according to a Stockholm report) that communications with Denmark, to which Greenland belongs, have been practically broken off and rationing of food had been in operation since last April, though there was no shortage.

Steamers of the Hudson Bay Company are carrying miscellaneous supplies to points in west Greenland.

This miners travelled to Copenhagen by way of America, Portugal and Germany.—Reuter.

PRICE CONTROL OF FOODSTUFFS IN BRITAIN

AN ORDER WILL shortly be made, coming into operation on Monday next, making it illegal to sell a large range of unrationed foodstuffs at prices higher than prevailed on December 2 last.

Minister of Food said: "I am convinced that a considerable number of new people are coming into the food trade as dealers and middlemen and as option buyers.

They are operating on a market in which you cannot lose only because the reduction of our imports of certain classes of commodities render those articles a very profitable field for speculation.

Issue of the Order is the first stage in stabilising prices, operating on December 2. Next stage is that during the course of the month, from now we will issue a price order for all those articles, which will be drawn up in consultations with the trade and having regard to prices current on December 2.

I have reason to know that in taking this action I have the support of legitimate traders, food manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers. The food traders of this country have done a good job of work since war began and I do not want to spoil it by the introduction of speculation.—British Wireless.

NO DOUBTS FOR FRENCH MINDS

An indication of the United States' attitude to France was given by Rear-Admiral Leahy, the new American representative, in his first statement, issued in Vichy yesterday.

He said:—"It will be made clear to the French Government that the United States is interested in the world situation—including the Far East—nor can any doubt remain in French minds that the United States is aiding Britain to the limit of her ability."—Reuter.

OVER-GOOD GERMAN AIM

A Coastal Command aircraft was reconnoitring Le Havre when a Messerschmidt 109 dived to attack.

One of the British gunners had the enemy in his sights. He was just about to fire when he saw the Messerschmidt drop vertically seawards, out of control.

It had been hit by German anti-aircraft fire.

HOLD-UP WITH A TOY PISTOL

Three robbers, one armed with a toy pistol, entered a Chinese medicine store at No. 167, Wing Lok Street early this morning, and stole \$90 in Hong Kong currency, and \$1,200 in Chinese money.

One man was arrested shortly after the robbery.

FAMOUS JUMPERS TO BE SOLD

HORSES WHICH HAVE WON FAME IN SEVERAL PARTS OF THE WORLD FOR THEIR JUMPING FEATS WILL BE SOLD TO-MORROW IN DUBLIN FOLLOWING THE DECISION OF THE EIRE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE TO CLOSE THE ARMY SCHOOL OF EQUITATION.

For many years the Eire Army has distinguished itself in international jumping competitions in Europe and America.

The cessation of international tournaments, owing to the war, is no doubt largely responsible for the closing of the school.—Reuter.

First instalment of concrete proposals for implementing President Roosevelt's recommendations will undoubtedly be in the Budget and other Bills to be sent to Congress before the week-end and which will probably be passed within 30 days.

Political observers in Washington feel confident that proposals implementing the President's policy and promises will be passed by an overwhelming majority of the House of Representatives, while in the Senate it is believed that the isolationists cannot muster a bigger vote than 30.

Wide Discretion Likely

The belief is freely expressed that once President Roosevelt's lend and lease plan is approved by Congress it will place all existing American arms, as well as new production, under the discretion of the President and his military and naval experts for use in the struggle of the Democracies against the aggressors.

This would appear to make it possible for destroyers to be released and also planes from the existing American air force if it is felt expedient to do so.

It is believed this is an adequate answer to those who are apprehensive that American help might not materialise early enough to meet the expected Axis offensive in the Spring.—Reuter.

H.K.V.D.C. YEAR BOOK

THE ANNUAL YEAR BOOK OF THE HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS—ONE OF THE MOST ENTERTAINING FOR SOME YEARS—HAS JUST BEEN PUBLISHED.

Photographs, sketches and two cartoons—somewhat of the "Esquire" variety—in addition to humour and excellent verse, make the 1940 Year Book a credit to its editor, Capt. C. de Saille Robertson, M.M.

The entire proceeds of the publication, for which a nominal charge of 25 cents is being made, will be handed to the South China Morning Post's Bomber Fund.

The Year Book can be obtained at the Officers' Mess, the Sergeants' Mess and Canteen and from all Company Commanders, H.K.V.D.C.

U.S. 'PLANES FOR GREECE

GREECE IS TO BE GIVEN AMERICAN AEROPLANES.

Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, declared yesterday that one result of President Roosevelt's pledge of more aid for the democracies will be that a number of planes now being built for the U.S. Army are being released for Greece.—Reuter.

AMY JOHNSON CRASH DRAMA

Naval Officer Succumbs Following Rescue Effort

Bonds of Empire

A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT DESCRIBING IN THE GREEK NEWSPAPER "ETHNOS" YESTERDAY A VISIT TO AUSTRALIAN SAILORS, WRITES: "WHY IS IT THAT FOR SO MANY GENERATIONS THEY REMAIN SO STEADFASTLY LOYAL TO THE IDEA OF EMPIRE?"

"It is not sentimental reason, common bonds of language and blood that unites us," answers an officer. "England is the mother country. We have kept so many spiritual bonds with her but a big percentage of our population is not of British extraction."

Canada has a great number of French. South Africa is full of Boers. Australia has emigrants from all over the world. But to-day we are fighting for the Empire and the Empire has a clear and distinct material meaning to all inhabitants of the Dominions.

Within the fold of the Empire we have found wonderful prosperity.

I have heard it said that England exploits us and sucks us dry. I need only tell you that income per head of the inhabitants of Australia, New Zealand and Canada are greater than those of the mother country." — British Wireless.

GOOD SENTIMENT ON STOCK MARKET

There was a more general enquiry on the London Stock Exchange yesterday while President Roosevelt's speech favourably assisted sentiment. Among foreign issues both 4 per cent. Belgian loans advanced from 46 to 50, while Chinese and Portuguese loans were well supported. Home rails and several textile shares were firmer on provincial support. Oils met speculative enquiry and some good gains were registered. Wall Street was quiet. — Reuter.

CITY OF BENARES HEROINE DECORATED

A HEROINE OF THE liner "City of Benares," Miss Mary Alice Clara Cornish, has been awarded a medal of the Order of the British Empire for meritorious service.

The liner was torpedoed by a German submarine and sank in the Atlantic last September while carrying children evacuees and other passengers to Canada. A total of 250 lives were lost, including 79 children.

Mr. Ronald Mitchell Cooper, Fourth Officer of the liner, has been appointed Member of the Order.

The official account issued in London last evening states that Cooper got his boat away from the sinking ship and, largely through his courage and seamanship, the boat, with 46 persons aboard, was brought safely through eight days sailing in the Atlantic, all the occupants being rescued.

Devotion To Duty

Miss Cornish was one of the "escorts" travelling in charge of children. When the liner struck she assembled on deck children for whom she was responsible and then returned below to see if there were any others in need of aid.

Little Doubt Of Death Of Aviatrix

A NAVAL COMMANDER who dived into the sea in an attempt to save a man seen in the water after a plane in which the British airwoman, Amy Johnson crashed on Sunday, died soon afterwards from exposure.

He was Lt. Comm. W. E. Fletcher, commanding the British trawler Haslemere.

While forming part of the escort of a convoy off the Thames Estuary, the trawler saw a parachute descending through low clouds.

An aeroplane then landed on the water near the parachute.

The weather was very bad at the time, with a heavy sea running, and the aircraft immediately began to break up.

While a boat was being launched from the Haslemere those on board saw two survivors from the aircraft in the sea.

Woman Sank

One of these was seen to be a woman but she sank before rescue could be attempted.

Fletcher dived overboard from the Haslemere in an attempt to save the life of the other survivor.

Fletcher was seen to reach the man and to be supporting him in the water.

Later a naval motor launch arrived on the scene and picked up Fletcher, who was unconscious and suffering from extreme exhaustion and exposure.

No trace could be found of the man or woman who had been seen in the water.

Fletcher died soon after arriving in hospital. — Reuter.

HOUSEWORK HUSBAND'S CURE

A man cured himself of neurosis caused by anxiety by taking over all the household duties and the care of three children while his wife went out to work.

The case is mentioned in an article by Col. G. W. B. James, physician for mental disease to St. Mary's Hospital, London, in the Lancet.

"One of my patients," writes Colonel James, "was unable to carry on with his work in a factory, collapsed at work with what he called complete exhaustion, and finally lost his job."

"But he could cycle from his home to St. Mary's and back — about thirty miles."

"This man was an old anxiety case from the last war, and finally took over all the domestic work of the house and the care of the three small children and sent his wife out to work."

"Both of them have found it a satisfactory arrangement, and it has continued for over twelve years."

Cared For Children

"The man works hard from early morning to late at night without undue fatigue."

WANTS END TO RENT RACKET

Unscrupulous landlords, owners of tenement buildings all over London are frightening bombed tenants into paying rent on their small homes — or what is left of them.

Sir Robert Tasker, Conservative M.P. for Holborn (London) is to ask the Minister of Health if he will protect weekly tenants from these landlords.

Sir Robert said to the press: — "The worst kind of person conducting this ramp is the 'house-farmer'."

They Are Afraid

"He buys up houses and lets every room to tenants."

"When the building is bombed and the people are homeless he pounces and demands the rent. The poor tenant is in many cases frightened into paying."

"Sometimes he hands over part of the rent and thereby commits himself."

"It is in the Minister's power to put a stop to it and he should do so at once."

ITALIAN CLAIMS UNFOUNDED

Reuter learned in authoritative quarters in London yesterday that a series of Italian claims to have sunk British warships off Bardia are wholly unfounded.

The claims were contained in an official statement issued in Rome after yesterday's Italian communique.

The statement said that three of the British warships which bombarded Bardia were sunk; in addition, Rome alleged, a liner was sunk and two cruisers, a submarine, destroyers, a gunboat and a monitor badly damaged. — Reuter.

"KHAKI" POTATO OUSTS THE "PLAIN BOILED"

Potatoes in their "khaki" jackets will replace the "plain boiled" on the tables of many restaurants this winter.

Already catering firms are taking to heart the advice of the Ministry of Food that potatoes cooked in their jackets provide more nourishment and less waste than those peeled before cooking.

The catering manager of one large group of restaurants said: "The majority of customers have welcomed the new method of cooking. From our point of view it has resulted in a great saving of labour."

TRIPOLI AGAIN BOMBED

Tripoli (750 miles west of Bardia) was again raided heavily by R.A.F. bombers on the night of January 6/7, states a communique issued from R.A.F. Headquarters in the Middle East in Cairo yesterday.

Several tons of bombs were dropped among motor vessels in the centre of the harbour, causing a series of explosions and clouds of smoke.

One direct hit was registered amidships on a large motor vessel and was followed by explosions. Several small cargo ships were probably hit.

Fires were caused among Customs buildings and wharves, while much damage was caused to the power station.

All British aircraft returned safely to base.

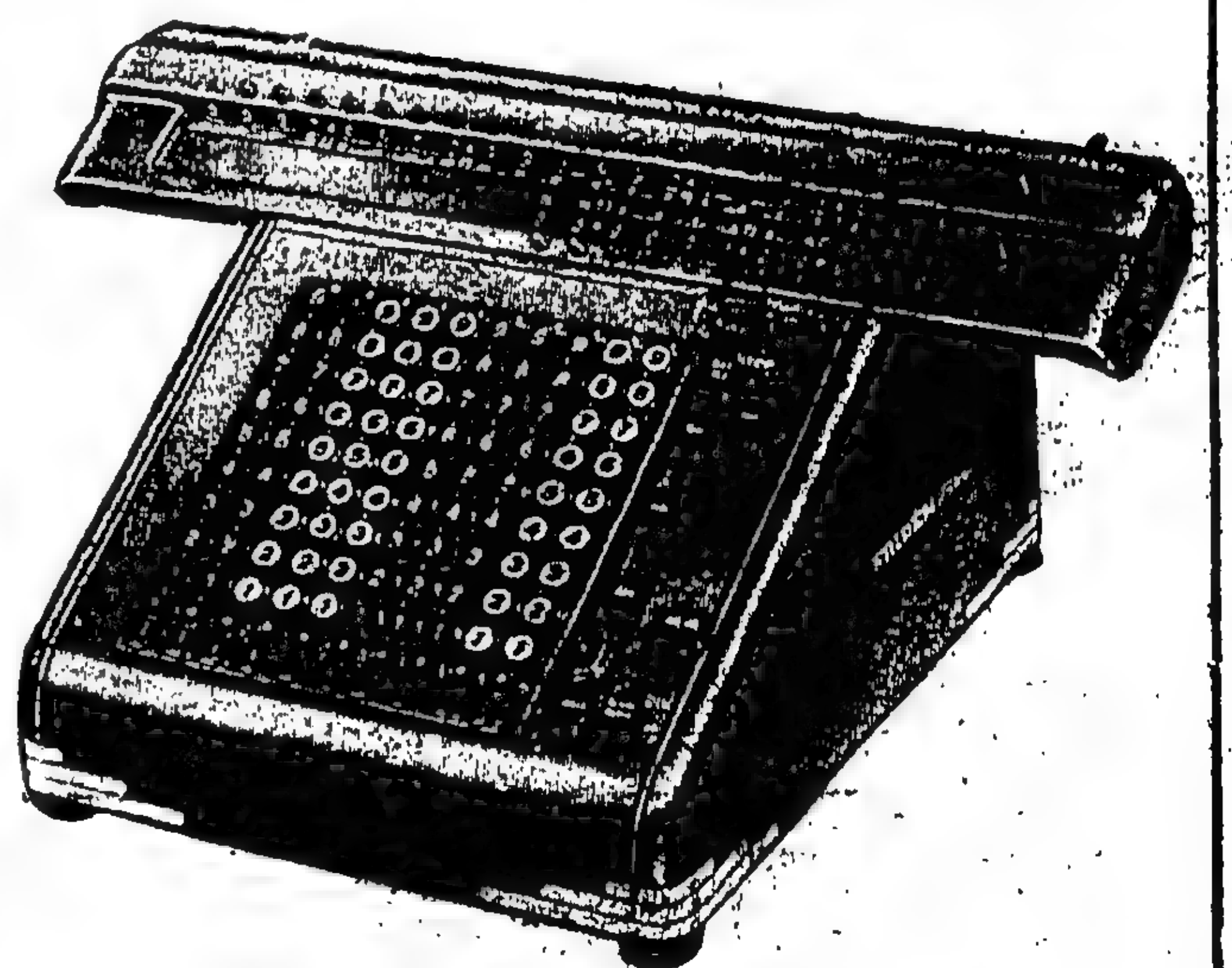
The communique adds that a further raid was carried out on Tobruk by R.A.F. heavy bombers.

Widespread fires were caused which were visible from 80 miles away among barracks, stores, sheds and motor transport concentrations.

The R.A.F. aircraft returned without loss to their bases. — Reuter.

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ITALY'S BUDGET DEFICIT

ITALY'S FINANCIAL DEFICIT LAST YEAR WAS £350,000,000 IT WAS OFFICIALLY REVEALED IN ROME YESTERDAY.

About three-quarters of this was due to preparations for the present war. — Reuter.

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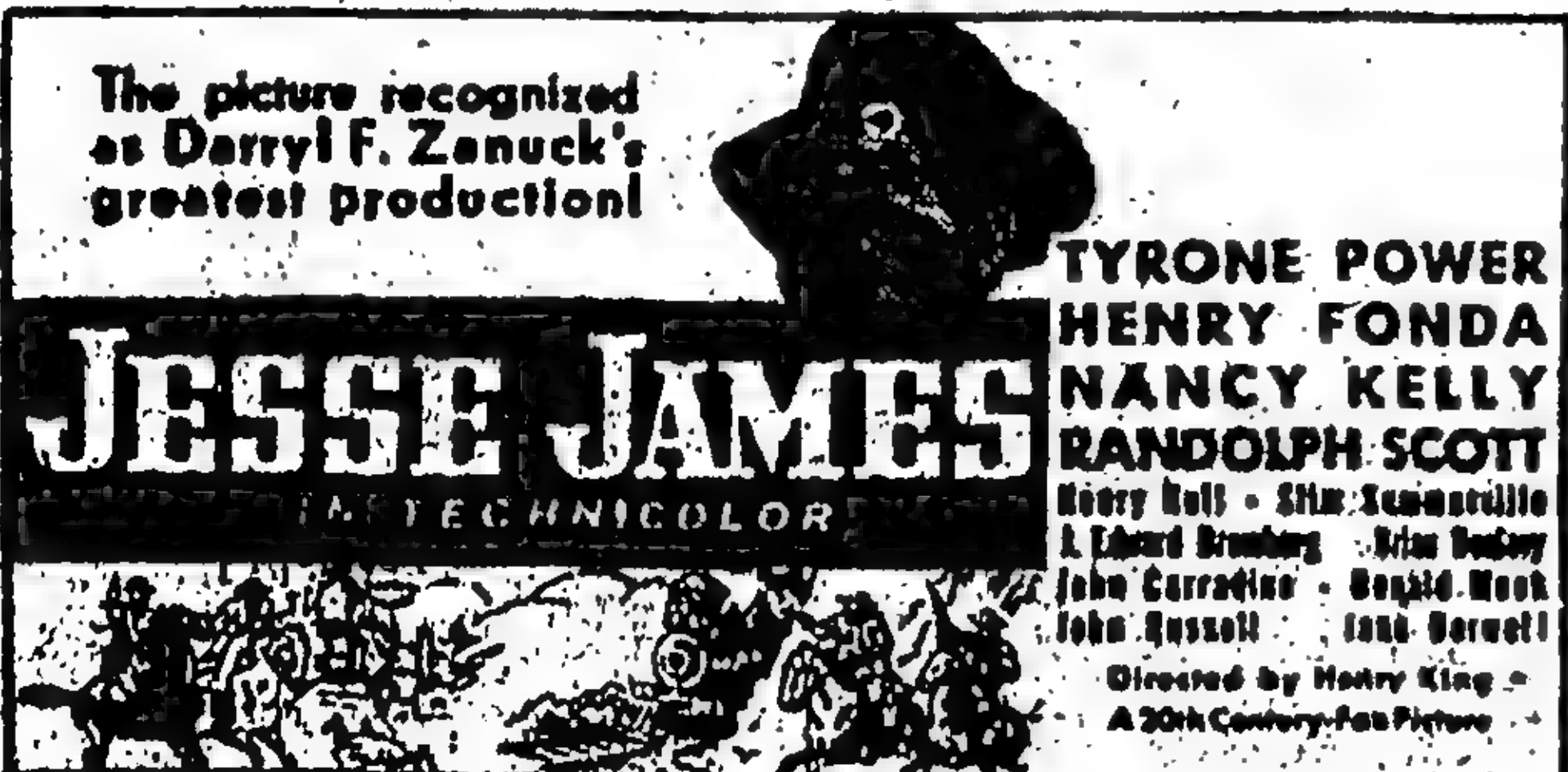
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70,000 PRISONERS TAKEN IN WESTERN DESERT

THE SCALE OF THE British successes in the Western Desert can be gauged from facts made available in London yesterday.

Since the first attack on December 9 — just under a month ago — it is estimated that our Imperial and Allied troops have put 94,000 Italians out of action.

Of these, 70,000 are prisoners. In an attempt to minimise this success Rome has been claiming that the majority of these troops are Libyans. This is easily proved untrue.

During these operations, we have taken or destroyed:

Three Italian regular Divisions (about 39,000 men);
Two "Blackshirt" Divisions (about 24,000 men);
One whole mechanised Division (about 7,000 men).

In addition, we have destroyed two Libyan Divisions, of about 14,000 men, and some 10,000 supply and corps troops. It is assumed that those not taken prisoner are either casualties or men able to escape.

A vast quantity of war materials of all kinds has also been taken, but it is impossible as yet to give any details. — Reuter.

O.B.E. FOR SKIPPER

When his ship was torpedoed by a German submarine Captain George Hammett ordered the crew to abandon the sinking vessel.

After 12 days on the high seas, they sighted land and beached the boat. Next day they put to sea again and reached port after a voyage of 850 miles.

Of 29 men only 10 survived, thanks to the courage and endurance of Captain Hammett and the Second Officer, Edward Leslie Barnes.

Capt. Hammett was yesterday appointed an officer of the Order of the British Empire, while Barnes was awarded the George Medal. — Reuter.

FIRM STAND BY KING CHRISTIAN

KING CHRISTIAN OF DENMARK HAS TAKEN UP A FIRM STAND IN THE FACE OF STRONG PRESSURE TO WHICH THE DANISH GOVERNMENT IS BEING SUBJECTED BY THE OCCUPYING GERMAN AUTHORITIES.

The Stockholm newspaper "Dagens Nyheter" declared yesterday that King Christian is insisting on popular representation in the Danish Government and is refusing to agree to any reconstruction of the Government which would involve an abandonment of this basic principle. — Reuter.

ORANGES FOR TROOPS

ORANGE GROWERS IN PALESTINE HAVE SHOWN THEIR APPRECIATION OF THE SUCCESS OF THE WESTERN DESERT CAMPAIGN BY SENDING 10,000 CASES OF ORANGES AND GRAPE-FRUIT TO THE TROOPS.

The warm tribute to General Wavell himself is provided by an Iraqi sheikh who has given him a ceremonial sword. — Reuter.

POSED AS OFFICER, ARRESTED

A man who wanted to think he was somebody important, found himself in the Police Court at Liverpool.

He was a ships' fitter named Francis Alec Bennett (46), of Boswell Street, Bootle, and he was remanded on bail accused of wearing without authority a uniform of a ship's officer of the Merchant Service.

For the prosecution, it was said that detectives noticed Bennett, while wearing the uniform of a chief officer of the Merchant Navy, was incorrectly dressed because his trousers were turned up.

When arrested, Bennett said: "I thought I should enjoy myself much better with this on. It makes people think you are somebody."

BARDIA GARRISON SACRIFICED

One of the most remarkable features of the shelling of Bardia from the sea was that the Italian Navy did not even try to intervene, a London naval spokesman commented yesterday.

The Italian Fleet, he pointed out, had a great opportunity to attack and if it had done so, our Fleet would have been obliged to give up the bombardment in order to defend itself.

Except for a few raiding planes, however, the Italian High Command made no attempt to relieve the pressure on the garrison at Bardia.

Italian prisoners themselves have commented on the absence of sea and air assistance.

They were disconcerted by the absence of planes, while Italian pilots say that plenty of petrol was available but they received no orders to go up. — Reuter.

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"I never saw such a fire before. Its brilliant reflection glowed in the clouds far above us. It warmed the cockles of our hearts."

THREE MEN FACE MURDER CHARGE

A CASE IN WHICH four persons were charged in connection with robbery, and with the murder of a 50-year-old woman, was heard by Mr. E. Hims-worth at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Accused were Lui Shek, 22, Tam Wang-kit, 34, Chan Fei, 35 and Lui Wah, 49, the fourth being charged with receiving.

Det.-Sgt. N. B. Fraser said that the receiving charge against Lui Wah might be dealt with summarily, but the charges of robbery and murder against the other three were for committal.

Outlining the case, Det.-Sgt. Fraser said that the deceased woman, Tsoi Kuen, was employed as an amah in a school at No. 60, Argyle Street, first floor. The school master and his family went regularly to Church on Sunday mornings, leaving the amah behind to clean the house.

On Sunday morning, November 24, the family left at 11.30 a.m., and at about 1.25 p.m. when the mistress returned, she found the front door wide open. She called for the amah, but received no reply.

The mistress went to the back of the premises and discovered the amah dead in a kneeling position on the bed. The police were informed.

The police found a parcel, containing cotton gags, on the floor and a chisel in the cubicle. The deceased's ankles and wrists were tied and her mouth was stuffed with cotton waste. Some clothing was missing.

On December 1, Principal Chinese Detective Shek Tul, acting on information, accompanied a party of police to the roof of No. 226, Shanghai Street and there arrested the four men who were sleeping in a hut built on the roof.

Pawn tickets, relating to the stolen articles, were found in Lui Wah's possession. Lui Wah stated that the pawn tickets were given to him by the three men, who, the prosecution alleged, admitted that they robbed the house.

A Relative

Det.-Sgt. Fraser added that third accused was a relative of the deceased and second accused was a distant relative of the school master.

Dr. H. H. Tai, Medical Officer of the Kowloon Public Mortuary, said he conducted a post-mortem on deceased. A greenish blue towel, blood stained, was tied tightly across her mouth and knotted at the back of her neck. Her upper false teeth had been pushed against the tongue, and this suffocated the woman. The case was adjourned to this afternoon.

INDIA'S DEFENCES

It was announced in New Delhi yesterday that the Viceroy is allotting 34 lakhs of rupees, comprising items definitely allocated by War Fund donors for the defence of India, and unallocated items to the purchase of three trawlers.

The ships will be named Hyderabad, Baroda and Travancore, and will be fitted for mine-sweeping and anti-submarine work.

In addition a number of armoured "carriers" are to be manufactured in India.—Reuter.

LECTURE ON THE EMPRESS WU

Prof. Tschun Yin-koh, Professor of Mediaeval Chinese History of the Tsing-hwa University, and Visiting Professor of the University of Hong Kong, will give a lecture on "Wu Tse-hen (Empress Wu) and Buddhism" at the Fung Ping Shan Library on Friday at 5.30 p.m.

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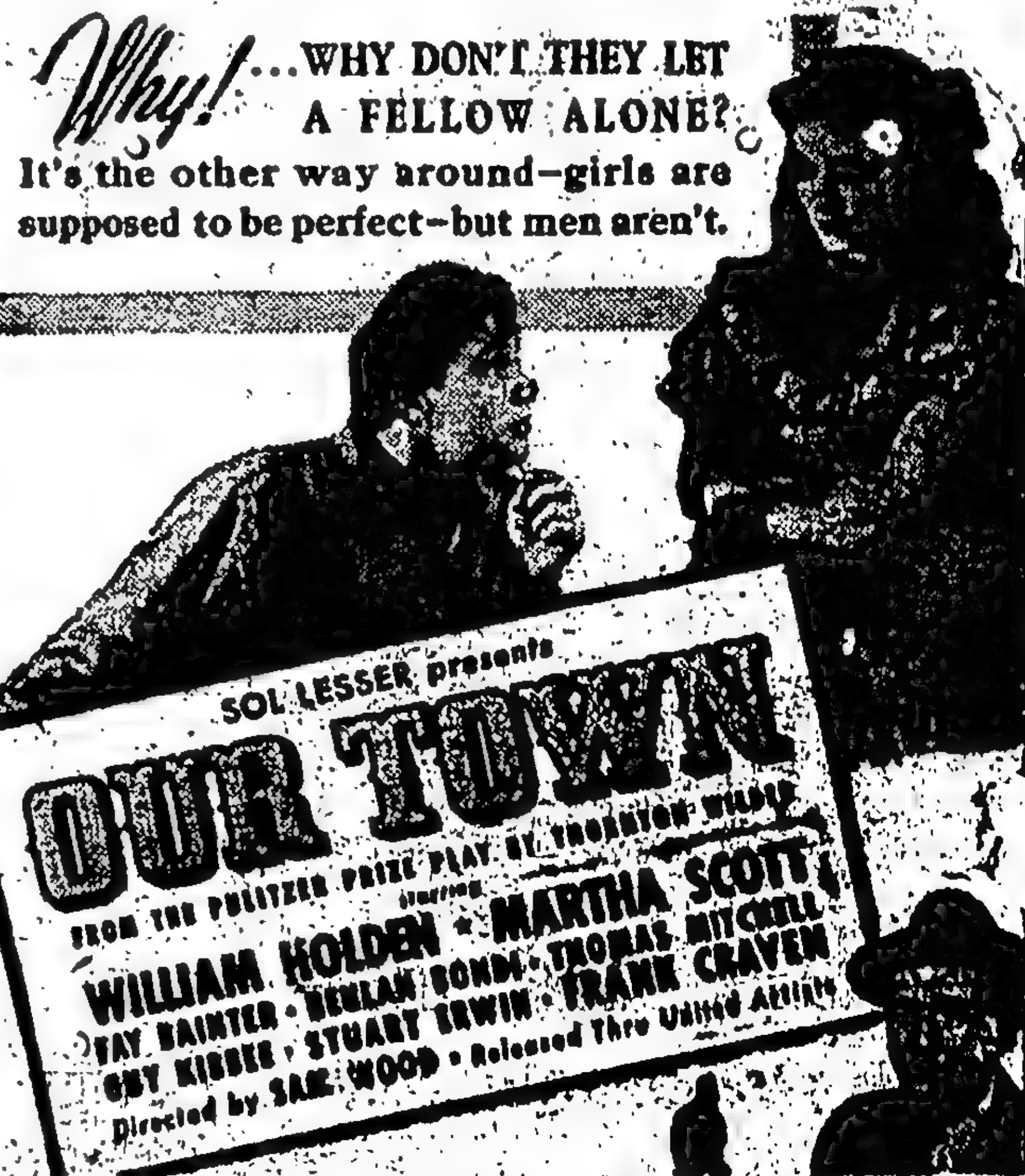
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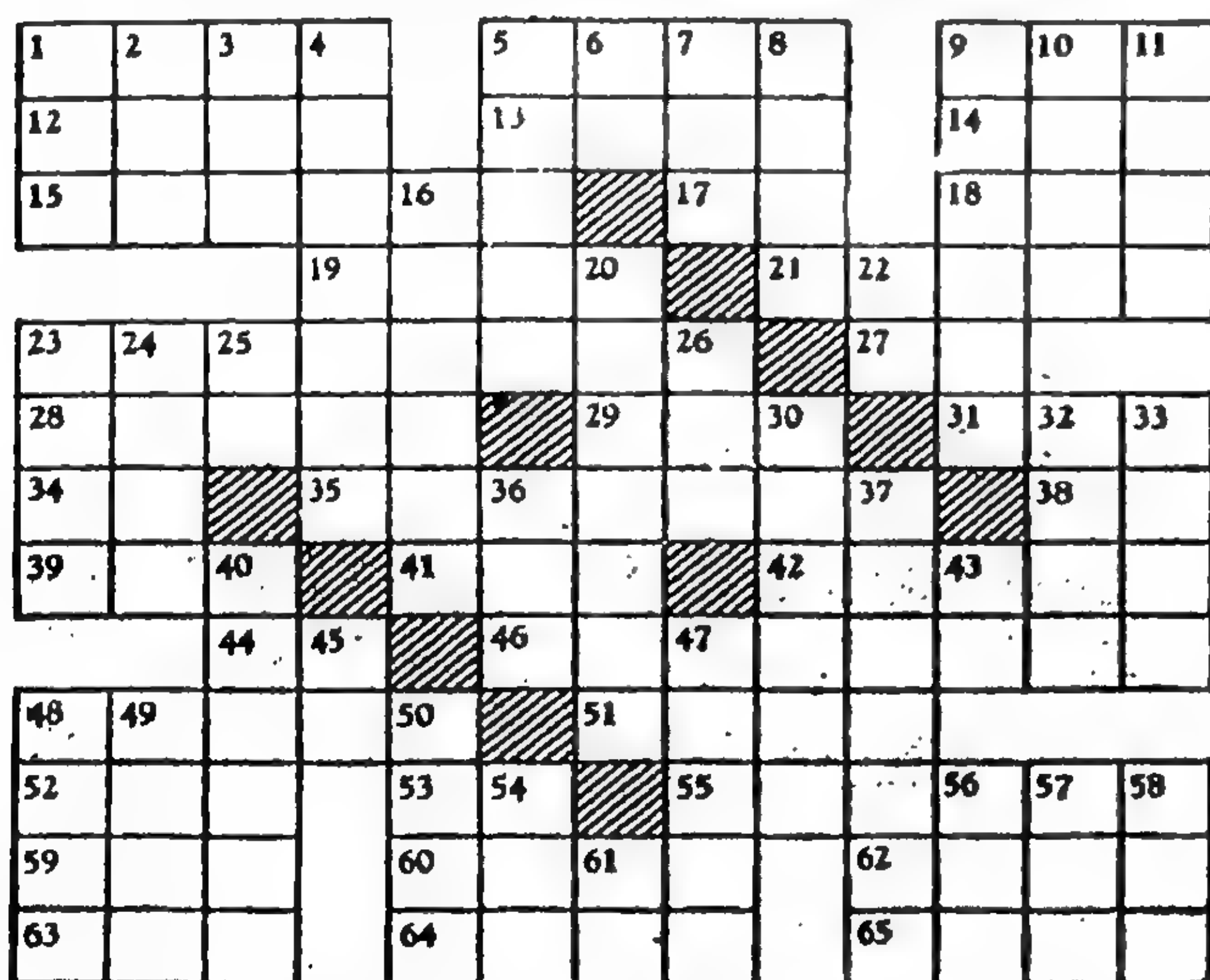
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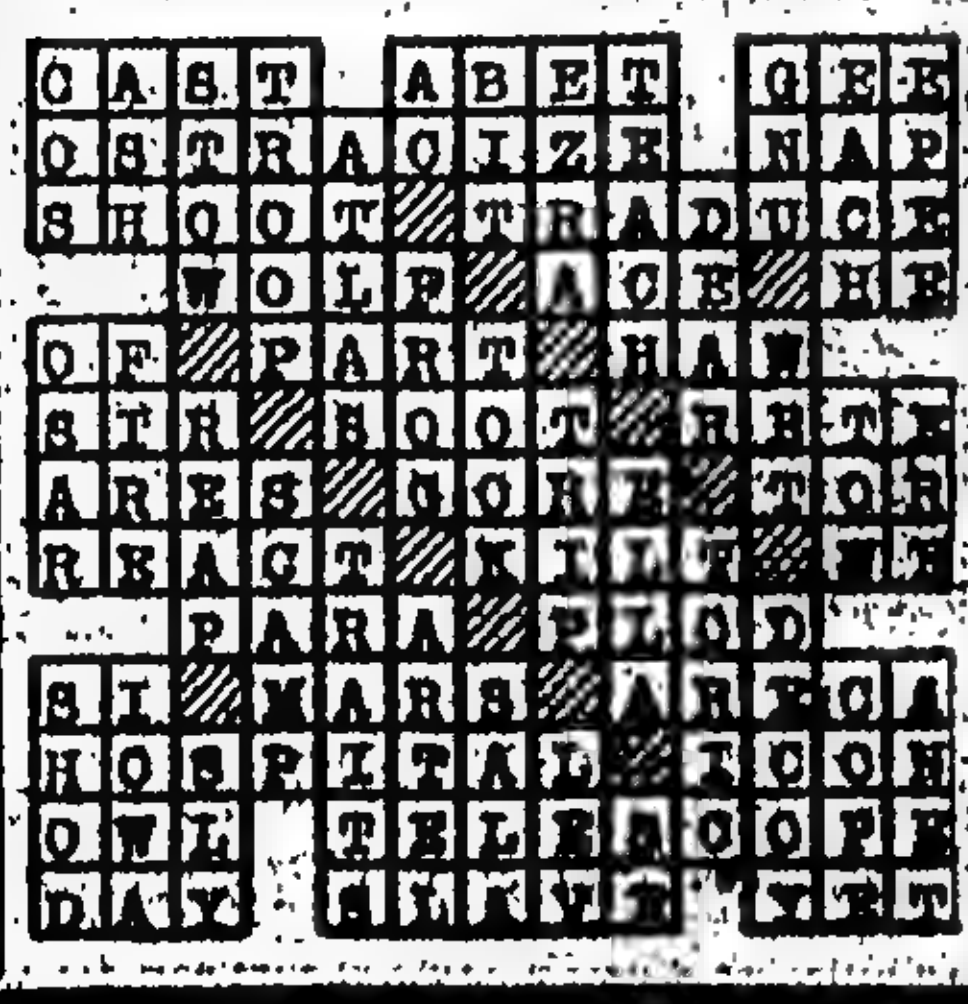
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- 11 Cavity
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- 23 Auction
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- 26 Australian bird
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- 33 Simians
- 36 Wooden pin
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Italian Efforts To Explain Bardia

ILLEGAL FACTORY

The manager of the Chung Mei Cotton Company, No. 147, Electric Road, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for operating an unregistered factory at the above address on December 16.

Mr. E. C. Drown, Inspector of Factories and Workshops, said he visited defendant's premises and found that they were in use as a factory, although not being registered under the Factories and Workshops Ordinance.

A fine of \$50 was imposed.

A COMMENTARY on the fall of Bardia was transmitted yesterday by Rome wireless for the benefit of Italians living abroad.

The Fascist propaganda machine tries hard to minimise the importance of the defeat of a large part of the army which was designed to effect the conquest of Egypt but in the face of facts which will be well-known to all Italians living in countries where the press and wireless are not mere tools of totalitarian propaganda it is difficult to see how much comfort can be obtained from statements given by the Rome broadcasting station.

However much the magnitude of the defeat may be disguised from Mussolini's dupes living in Italy, Italians abroad know perfectly well the fact that over 30,000 Italian soldiers were captured in Bardia alone, and can hardly support the grandiloquent phraseology of the Fascist announcer that "the Italian soldier knows how to fight and die as well as the best soldier in the world."

The broadcaster then continued: "Even if he (the Italian soldier) can foresee the outcome of the struggle and has no hope of victory from the very beginning."

Not A Hope

No British soldier, remembering Italian courage in the last war, will ever criticise the bravery of Italian troops when properly equipped and led and fighting for a cause in which they can and do believe, but the admission that these unfortunate men knew they had not a hope of either reinforcement or victory makes of the large number of prisoners, coupled with the extremely small casualties inflicted on the Australian troops, proof to demonstration that the Italian regiments had no heart in the fight.

Knowing there was no other prospect than death or capture they well knew, as Italians abroad also know, that they were being offered as a human sacrifice on the altar of Fascist Party prestige. —British Wireless.

COURT MARTIAL CONTINUES

FURTHER EVIDENCE was given at the Court Martial at Scandal Point this morning in the case in which Lieut. (Acting Captain) H. L. Reeve, R.E., has pleaded not guilty to charges relating to the fuel and oil accounts of 22nd Fortress Company, Royal Engineers.

The Court comprises Brigadier T. McLeod, R.A. (President), Lieut.-Col. D. J. McDougall, Lieut. Col. S. Shaw, Major T. W. Boyce, and Capt. (Temporary Major) A. R. Colquhoun. Mr. D. H. Blake was Judge Advocate.

2/Lt. K. E. Allanson, R.A., acted as Prosecuting Officer, and 2/Lt. H. S. Budger, Middlesex Regiment, defended accused.

Accused is charged with:—neglecting his duties and being unable to account for certain deficiencies; being privy to making false statements recording the issue of fuel supplies; alternatively, allowing records of the issues to be made without satisfying himself that they were correct; persuading or inducing Lieut. C. Otway, R.E., to sign certain forms purporting to show that certain supplies had been issued to soldiers under the command of Lieut. Otway, well knowing that these were only estimates of the quantities that may have been issued.

No suggestion, the Prosecutor said, was made of any misappropriation of public funds or property.

Evidence was given yesterday by Major D. C. E. Grose, R.E., who stated that accused was in charge of the accounts from April to September. He was then told that there were certain deficiencies in the stock. The matter was talked over and it appeared that the deficiency was not due to fraud but could be accounted for by errors in book-keeping.

Accused was then told to try and trace any errors that had occurred such as issues which had not been made in the ledger.

A day or so later, accused said that he had found definite occurrences on which staff had been issued and no receipts obtained. Accused mentioned four such incidents. The first was in the demolition of the Lowu Bridge, when petrol was issued to lorries in a hurry and no receipts obtained; the second was for the workshop engines; the third was for small quantities of kerosene issued for conservancy and cleansing purposes; and the fourth was for stationary running of engines.

Witness said that this explanation could definitely account for the deficiencies already reported.

After this statement had been made to him by accused, continued Major Grose, accused was told that this could account for the deficiencies, and was told to try and find to whom the staff had been issued and to try and obtain signatures from them.

System Of Issue

Acting Captain A. J. Le Seclleur said that he was second in command of 22nd Fortress Coy., Royal Engineers, and had been in charge of the petrol and lubricant accounts more or less since October 1.

He explained the system of the issue of supplies. Vehicles of the motor transport section were run on fuel drawn direct from the Royal Army Service Corps as

required. The driver would sign a receipt and at the end of the month the Service Corps would total up the various amounts and put them on one issue for the 22nd Co. Royal Engineers. Witness would give the voucher a number and write it off to the Motor Transport vehicles. When a receipts voucher came from the R.A.S.C. a carbon copy was attached.

The method of issue from the store was similar. The storeman issued the petrol and the driver signed for it. At the end of the week the amounts were checked up and put on an issue voucher.

Witness would then sign the issue voucher and initial the ledger entry.

The front page of the ledger contained certain instructions and one referred to "remains."

This figure was the balance of stock.

He went to the store on October 1, 1940, as he had arranged with defendant to meet at 9 a.m. to check stores preparatory to his taking over. He had no ledger, but was given certain figures as to what the stock should be at the end of the quarter. It was obvious to him that the balance of stock in the store did not agree with the figures given him.

Store Congested

The store was frightfully congested and he told defendant that it would be a good thing to clear out any surplus store so that a real check could be made. He agreed, and it was also agreed that if after a proper check there were any deficiency, defendant would give him a certain form.

Both witness and defendant checked up stock by counting the drums stacked on each other. Defendant told him that certain drums were full. By certain drums he understood the stack of petrol drums in the corner. As defendant told him that the drums were full, he took them to be so.

As a consequence of the check witness told the storeman he was going to empty the store as soon as possible. He made arrangements with the Service Corps that when the Royal Scots wanted petrol they were to draw from witness. He was present when an issue was made to the Royal Scots.

Witness produced certain statements and explained how he arrived at certain figures regarding stocks.

Defendant made no comments during the check.

During October, he gave the storeman orders about the keys and told him to get the accounts straightened out as soon as possible.

Some "Wangling"

He realised that some "wangling" had been going on and at a later date he discovered that petrol had been issued from the store on recognised form for lorries for the purpose of stationary running but on a check-up it was found that no stationary running had been carried out and that the form had been made out and

AUSSIE VICTORY IN THE DESERT

MESSAGES REACHING LONDON FROM AUSTRALIA INDICATE THAT THE ENTHUSIASM WITH WHICH THE CAPTURE OF BARDIA WAS RECEIVED IN THE COMMONWEALTH WAS AS GREAT AS THAT WITH WHICH THE BRITISH PEOPLE ACCLAIMED THE TRIUMPH OF THE GALANT AUSTRALIAN TROOPS.

A natural comparison springing to the mind both of Australians and British is that of Gallipoli, where a previous generation of Commonwealth soldiers covered themselves with imperishable glory.

Typical of expressions heard on all sides is the remark of the Melbourne "Sun" that "Besides the pride Australia feels in the winning of this first big scale action by volunteers, the victory in the desert is the inspiring example of Empire teamwork." —British Wireless.

signed by the driver though no petrol had been issued. The amounts involved were two lots of 15-gallons each. He did not know about this when checking stock on October 28.

Cross-examined, witness said he was supposed to take over on October 1. He did not take over immediately as he reported to the Officer Commanding that there were certain deficiencies and wanted to have the store cleared and a thorough check before taking over. His officer gave him till the end of the month.

He knew how to keep the ledger and had from time to time received certain instructions on particular points. It was not explained to him how to keep the ledger. He was expected to know. Case is proceeding.



AXIS DOOM SEALED

A hundred years of Anglo-American history reached their culmination in Congress yesterday when President Roosevelt's colossal scale lend-or-lease plan of aid to Britain was enthusiastically endorsed, in principle, by the American Parliament.

Congressmen from all over the country, by their unmistakable acceptance of President Roosevelt's programme, brusquely announced to the Totalitarian aggressor states that a halt has been called, that their doom is sealed.

No-one is surprised by the American decision. The rejection of President Roosevelt's bold leadership alone could have provoked surprise. Throughout the periods of ups and downs in Anglo-American relations, both have realised that they are partners in a high companionship, the foundation of which is that they speak the same tongue and derive their political institutions from the same source. Whatever else Britons and Americans have forgotten, they have never forgotten the Democratic ideal which inspired the Fathers of the Republic as it inspired the British reformers of the Nineteenth Century.

The growth in friendliness in the past thirty years has come about in the best possible way—spontaneously and from the recognition that Britain and America are the stewards of posterity as the guardians of the liberty and freedom of the human family. That sentiment reached its peak when it became clear that Germany was bent on destroying not only the liberties of mankind but its dignity as men and when the people of London showed resolutely how much they were prepared to endure for the common cause.

To-day we find Britain and the United States more united in aim and understanding than any two great Powers have been within recorded time. Neither has an axe to grind in this war. Both are fighting dictatorship and the onslaught in East and West upon human rights and privileges.

America has yet to cross the Rubicon by declaring war and it may never be necessary. She has proclaimed her sympathies beyond misunderstanding, at first in words

"Had Acre fallen, I would have changed the face of the world."—Napoleon.

THE most famous town on all the Syrian coast is undoubtedly Acre—the key to Palestine, as Napoleon called it. It has sadly shrunk in these last years, and looks across the wide bay to Haifa which backed by the range of Carmel, spreads out in all directions. Acre has now about 8,000 inhabitants and Haifa 80,000.

Though Haifa throbs with vitality and Acre is moribund, yet I recall Acre with a greater pleasure. For the glamour of a heroic past is over it all. The narrow streets are certainly more picturesque than agreeable to live in.

But a more motley crowd can be seen nowhere than the wild Bedouins, the Syrians, the Druses with their striped overcoats and white turbans, the veiled women that crowd the streets, and above all scours the most beautiful, fairy-like minaret in all the East, that of the Mosque Jazzar, from which float over the city the musical notes of the muezzin as he calls the faithful to pray: "There is no God but Allah, and Mohammed is his prophet. Come to prayer, for prayer is better than sleep."

Here the Crusaders made their last stand. That was in 1291; after a month's bloody and desperate struggle the town was captured.

But the great lesson that Acre teaches us to-day comes from a little mound a quarter mile or so to the east known as Napoleon's

hill. There the Corsican placed his artillery park when he besieged Acre, and thence, he rained destruction on the city.

How the siege began and how it terminated may well be pondered to-day. In the year 1798 Napoleon set out for the East with a fleet and an army of 38,000 seasoned troops. "This little Europe

By Dr. Norman MacLean

is too small a field," he declared; "great celebrity can be won only in the East."

He occupied Malta without a blow; and a crushing victory gave him possession of Cairo and Lower Egypt. But finding himself in the midst of a fanatical Mohammedan population, he realised he must win their support.

Alexander the Great in the Temple of Ammon had declared himself the son of Jupiter, and "that one act did more to assure his conquests than if he had summoned 120,000 Macedonians to his aid." Napoleon must needs do the like. To the sixty Ulema that guarded Islamic orthodoxy in Cairo he discoursed on the state of his "devout and trembling soul."

He proclaimed himself a Mohammedan, and asserted that there was good ground to expect

the whole French nation to be converted to Islam, and he set about preparing designs for a mosque big enough to contain the whole French Army.

Having thus secured the support of Islam, Napoleon set out with a great army to capture Constantinople and so found the empire of the East. But here at Acre he came to grief. For there he met an Englishman, Smith by name (Admiral Sir Sidney Smith, 1764-1840), who refused to surrender the town.

The siege began. Whatever losses Sydney Smith sustained from the artillery park were made up to him from the sea. Acre could not be starved, for food was continually pouring in from the sea; it could not be taken by assault, for fresh troops were pouring into it from the sea.

The plain man, Smith by name, compelled Napoleon to retreat. He stole back to France, leaving his army to its fate in Egypt. That was Napoleon's first experience of the decisiveness of sea power.

"Had it not been for the English I would have been Emperor of the East," he declared afterwards; "but wherever there is water to float a ship we are sure to find you in our way."

Looking back on his life, Napoleon had no doubt as to the momentous issues which were decided at Acre. "Had Acre fallen, I would have changed the face of the world"—that was how he summed it up.

After all, that bartering of his

soul for an empire of the East, with the Ulema in Cairo, served him little. When men sink to a bartering of that sort, the soul is doubtless lost, but the world is not gained.

The man at whose feet the emperors and kings of Europe knelt in homage stole away from the East beaten by a man whose commonplace name was Smith.

It is only when one ponders the afterdays that one realises the supreme place of this little grey-walled town in the history of the world. Within two years thereafter Napoleon's troops were quartered upon conquered nations from the heel of Italy to the Hook of Holland, and the tributes of the vanquished poured into his treasury. By a combination of subject-Europe he sought to destroy Britain.

"Nature," he said, "designed England to be a French island like Corsica." When the difficulty of invading England was pointed out, "the Channel," he exclaimed, "is a ditch which needs but a pinch of courage to cross."

All Europe cowered at his feet. He captured Berlin, and issued the Berlin Decrees closing every port in Europe against Britain. He would "conquer the sea by the land."

He swept nations before him like chaff before the wind; he galvanised a whole continent into movement at his nod; he hurled armies over deserts and over mountain ranges.

The marvel of this man's personality and of the power that emanated from him, grows when we remember that there were no telegrams, no steamers, no railways, no wireless in those days, and yet in a world of slow movement and retarded communication Napoleon pervaded and shaped and moulded the world as a potter the clay. He crashes his way to Berlin; he sweeps through Italy; "I shall be in Vienna in a month," he declares—he is there in three weeks; he rushes to Madrid and sets up there a Corsican dynasty. But there Wellington holds grimly the trenches—there the ulcer that drained his life blood is slowly running.

At the last, it was not the Russians that defeated him. Fire and snow and frost and hunger—these, the elemental undefeatable forces were his executioners. "God Almighty has been too much for me," he said when he was laid low at last.

Such was the man who retired, foiled and beaten by a plain Englishman, from the gates of Acre. In the light of history that event looms bigger and bigger.

Why was it that Acre overcame Ajaccio, that Gallies conquered Corsica? The best and most comprehensive answer to that question has been given by Marshal Foch:

"He failed, they say, because he was without Berthier. I do not think so. In 1814 it is explained that he was already ill. Perhaps. But in my view the deep reason for the disaster that overwhelmed him must be sought elsewhere. He forgot that a man cannot be God; that above the individual there is the nation; that above man there is the moral law, and that war is not the highest good, since above war there is peace."

He forgot God; he forgot the moral law; his word could not be relied on; his signature to a treaty was worthless; for he broke every treaty he signed.

When he offered Britain peace for the last time Pitt rejected the offer because "the offer is deceptive." Because it is untrustworthy. On the rock of Truth he made shipwreck.

The way of tyrants is ever the same. No peace to-day because the dictator is up against the law of Truth—up against God.

That is why Acre overcame Ajaccio; why St. Helena received Napoleon; why the Warrior in Shining Armour found refuge in Doorn; and to-day, as of old, as certain as the sun is in high heaven, the enemies of the truth, the blood-stained persecutors who make us ashamed of our common humanity, will be left at last with but the moan:

Which way I fly is hell, Myself am hell.

It is this little town of Acre foiled Napoleon and burst his bubble of his empire of the East, let us be of good cheer. The "Ersatz Napoleon" of to-day will be crushed by the same forces which grind the law-breakers into powder.

A Jug Of Oil

By F. Sternberg

The U.S.S.R. is Europe's foremost oil producing country, occupying a world position second only to the United States. Even though Soviet production amounts to but ten per cent of the total world production, it is estimated that the Soviet Union possesses about 6,370,000,000 tons of still exploitable reserves, which means that about half of the world's total oil reserves are in Soviet soil.

With such an immense hidden wealth at her disposal, the Soviet Union should be in a good position to increase her own production considerably above the 30,000,000 tons which she produces at present, and most of which she needs herself.

It was by no means an accident that Russia's domestic oil consumption grew so rapidly during recent years. During those years, Soviet agriculture became one of the main consumers of oil. Tractors replaced horses.

Were Soviet agriculture to be deprived of tractors and the oil required for their operation, Stalin's regime would encounter considerable difficulties in agricultural production. Even if Stalin wished to, he could not possibly lead Soviet agriculture back to the now obsolete system of individual small farming. Yet, if collectivisation is to be retained in its present form and on its present level, tractors and oil not only are important but represent vital necessities.

The breakdown of the tractors or an interruption of oil supplies would bring about famine. Therefore it would hardly be feasible for Stalin ever to deprive Soviet agriculture of, let us say, 20,000,000 tons of oil simply to help Germany conduct her war. This step would be tantamount to suicide, and Stalin has never exhibited a suicidal mood.

There remains the second possibility, increase of Soviet production. Over a period of several years, attempts were made to increase production not only by forced exploitation of the Baku-Grozny district but by opening up a second oil base in Asia. The most important fields are situated in a triangle composed by the Ural River, the Emba River and the Orenburg Railway.

Towards the end of 1935, a pipeline five hundred and twenty-six miles long was laid from Gurev to Orsk. The production poten-

tialities of these Asiatic fields are enormous. While the Baku-Grozny region contains about twenty-nine per cent of the total Russian oil reserves, this new Asiatic region contains about one third.

The oil is very rich, with about thirty per cent of benzene as against six per cent for the Baku and ten per cent for the Grozny oil. The development of this second oil base in Asia is proceeding within the framework of the Soviet Union's far-reaching policy of rapid industrialisation.

Aside from the increase of oil production in general, the primary aim in opening up these fields has been the creation of an expanding industry in Asia. Several considerations induced the Soviet Government to push this matter. First, it has always considered a war against Japan within the realm of close possibilities. The conduct of such a war by the Far Eastern army would be greatly facilitated by supplying it from bases nearer to the theatre of war—that is, from Asiatic instead of more distant production centres.

Second, in a war against Germany, Russia would be greatly dependent on the best utilisation of its enormous space. The further removed the secondary bases of production and the greater Asia's share in total production, the longer would Russia be able to conduct a war even if her European frontier regions should be lost to the enemy.

Third, it is obvious that Russia's vulnerability is reduced if her vital industries are taken out of the range of enemy attack.

Handicapped by transportation difficulties, the Soviet Union strives to maintain her oil export on its present level. But there can be no doubt that during the early stages of this war, Soviet oil export dropped below the 1,000,000-ton mark. In 1938, Germany imported 81,000 tons of oil from the Soviet Union while six years before, in 1932, her imports were around 500,000. It is possible that Soviet oil exports to Germany will once again reach the 1932 level. The attempts at creating a second oil base in Asia have passed their early stages of trial and error, yet the present war will necessarily slow down further developments, even if the Soviet Union remains aloof from the war. In addition, the material consumption of the Red Army increases from month to month.

It should be deemed a considerable success if the new Asiatic fields supply one eighth of the Soviet oil production. However, under such conditions the Soviet Union will be unable to support Germany with oil.

and now in deeds of which there can be ultimately only one logical fulfilment. Against the combined resources of the British Empire and the United States, those of Germany and her satellites are as dust in the balance.

BARDIA--A LOST CAUSE

Germans Claiming "Moral" Victory For Italians!

THE EVIL THAT IS ADOLF

"ONE GREAT AND TERRIBLE EVIL ABOUT ADOLF HITLER IS THAT HE HAS LARGELY DESTROYED THE OLD WARrior VIRTUES AND HAS SUBSTITUTED A COMPLETE AND THOROUGH-GOING CODE OF FAITHLESSNESS AND RUTHLESSNESS IN THEIR PLACE," STATES THE PHILADELPHIA "INQUIRER."

The Charlotte "Observer" says: "All mankind in the world, rich and poor, women and children, all races and creeds, all these with many things at variance held one thing in common—they despise the common thief."

The German under Hitler is a common thief. He raids the barn and field, stable and kitchen of the weak.

He isn't even a robber, for he comes not boldly but with a sneaking and false story. He invades by stealth in the night.

He comes through the back door by means of his Fifth Columnists with the aid of traitor and spy." — Reuter.

BURGLARY IN KOWLOON

Mr. P. E. Young, of No. 29, Hephreys Building, has reported the theft of property valued at \$104, from his residence between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. yesterday.

FOKI ACCUSED

Tam Chu-wei, of No. 434, Nathan Road, has reported that one of his employees stole property valued at \$927.50 from his shop yesterday.

Giving Libyan Army Time To Re-Group

"A lost cause" is the phrase used by the Berlin "Boersen Zeitung" yesterday in commenting on the fall of Bardia.

The newspaper, quoted by the official German news agency, says: "General Bergonzoli is a tired soldier from the Spanish war, and at Bardia his troops fought for a lost cause to hold off the British offensive as long as possible and give the Libyan army time to re-group—a task which they have performed against a vast superiority in men and material."

"The defenders were only overcome by a massed tank attack after they had run out of munitions."

"This affords convincing proof that in spite of reverses in a subsidiary theatre of war in North Africa the fighting spirit of the Italian soldiers is the same as ever."

"While the British gain a military victory theirs is the moral victory."

"The only thing that is really important and decisive is the battle for Britain, which their troops are losing day by day in and around Britain."

Axis A Unit

"Moreover the despatch of German air formations to Italy shows that hopes of forcing a decision by attacking Italy with the whole strength of the British Empire are illusory."

"The Axis is a unit in politics, ideals and above all in military matters." — Reuter.

AXIS LIES TELL TALE OF FAILURE

During the Battle of France a wise man said:—"I don't like the way this is going. Have you been reading the German reports?"

"They are all temperate and credible, and where you can check them they agree with our own. Germans only tell the truth when they're doing so well that they don't need to lie. I'm afraid we shall have some bad news soon," writes a correspondent.

I find it very cheering to think of that conversation now, writes a correspondent. Applying the same principle, you can see very clearly from the enemy's reports how badly he thinks he is doing in the Battle of Britain.

Before me lies a collection of extracts from German and Italian newspapers and broadcasts. Taken in sum, it presents a picture of London under the blitzkrieg in which the enemy's wish is not merely father to his thought, but its entire ancestry.

On Sept. 17, for example, the German wireless described in French how nobody, not even a foreign journalist, was allowed to leave London—though a visa to do so might be obtainable in very exceptional cases—and in Flemish how Londoners were tumbling over each other to escape from the doomed city. How a bilingual Belgian who listened to both these broadcasts could be expected to believe both of them at once does not seem to have occurred to their authors.

All Self-Control Lost

On Sept. 18 the German-controlled Radio Paris reached a high plane of imaginative fiction with this:

"The 7,000,000 Londoners have entirely lost their self-control. They run aimlessly about in the streets and are the victims of bombs and bursting shells. Complete demoralisation prevails among the fleeing population, screaming, shouting

NUISANCE RAIDERS

GERMAN "NUISANCE" RAIDERS WERE OVER LONDON AND PARTS OF EAST COAST REGIONS AT INTERVALS DURING YESTERDAY, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF LOW-LYING SNOW CLOUDS AND GENERAL WEATHER CONDITIONS, WHICH APPARENTLY KEPT BOTH BRITISH AND GERMAN PLANES ON THE GROUND DURING THE NIGHT.

A few bombs were dropped here and there, some in streets, causing civilian casualties.

Londoners carried on uninterrupted with the day's work despite a series of short alerts. — Reuter.

RICE SHOPS FINED

The masters of five rice shops in the Yaumati District, and of one in Shamshulpo, were summoned before Major A. N. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning for selling rice in excess of the prices fixed by the Controller of Food on December 9.

The masters of three shops in Yaumati were fined \$50 each, while two others were fined \$75 each. The master of the shop in Shamshulpo was fined \$25.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that a moderate anticyclone has developed over North China, pressure being highest to the north-west of Shantung.

The depression is situated about 300 miles south-west of Tokyo, moving north-eastward.

and breaking through the police cordons."

In all the collection I can find only one example of the truth being used for the purpose of legitimate propaganda. On Sept. 18 Lord Woolton said that the damage to our food supply was not more than could be made up if the population said they would go without one meal. Next day the German wireless made the most of this remark by saying that according to the Food Minister the population would have to go without 46,000,000 meals.

This, however, was not colourful enough for the Italians. According to their broadcast, what Lord Woolton had said was that "the British henceforth will have to renounce one of their meals."

PEER DISASSOCIATES HIMSELF FROM THIS "SNOBBISHNESS"

THE MARQUIS of Queensberry, in a letter to the Editor of the "Daily Mirror," dissociates himself from the "snobbishness" of Lady Cecil Douglas, his sister-in-law. Lady Cecil Douglas, who is an evacuee with her baby daughter in Canada, sneered at "Mrs. Smith of Suburbia."

She complained that Canadians failed to recognise British social distinctions.

In his letter the Marquis says that Lady Cecil Douglas "would be well advised to practise herself the 'breeding' to which she appears to attach such ridiculous importance."

Own Children There

"Since my own children are at present enjoying the hospitality of generous Canadians," the Marquis adds, "I would like to dissociate myself from the vulgarity and snobbishness which, it is alleged, was expressed by

Lady Cecil Douglas in her interview with your representative."

Lady Cecil Douglas was formerly Mrs. R. St. B. Kirkley, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. de Vere Fenn. She married Lord Cecil Douglas in 1927.

The Marquis of Queensberry, who is forty-five, is well-known for his activities in the boxing world. His wife is Cathleen Mann, the artist. She now has little time for painting, as she is an active member of the Mobilised Transport Corps.

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AIR ATTACK IN CHANNEL BEATEN OFF

IT WAS BITTERLY COLD IN THE CHANNEL OFF DOVER YESTERDAY, WITH A NORTH-EAST WIND AND DENSE MIST OVER THE SEA.

German planes in small numbers were reported during the day and some bombs were dropped.

Three fell in East Anglia, but only one did any damage, and there were no casualties.

German bombers made four attacks on two trawlers off the south-east coast.

They were greeted with fierce machine-gun fire and made off when a British fighter came up — Reuter.

Bombs In London Area

An Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communique states: "Bombs have been dropped at a number of places in this country to-day. Damage was done to houses at several points in the London area, in a town in the Midlands and in a few other places. A small number of people were killed and others injured." — British Wireless.

BRITAIN IMPROVING ON SPITFIRES AND NIGHT BOMBERS

BRITISH FIGHTERS, even better than the Spitfires and Hurricanes which are the terror of the German Air Force, are being built. And the same applies to our bombers.

The new types, faster and better armed, are on the secret list and nothing may be said of their design or other technical details — but they will put even the proud Spitfire and Hurricane in the shade.

The Spitfire, our most devastating fighter plane, is already out of date in design. It was a modification of the British winner of the Schneider Trophy.

While it continues to perform wonders in the defence of this country, the Spitfire is bound to suffer the fate of all types — it will become obsolescent.

Better Bombers, Too

The confidence of the Air Ministry in the multi-gun fighter has been more than justified. Long before the war, when Continental countries, notably Germany, were developing fighter planes relying on cannon for armament, Britain put her trust in the Hurricane and Spitfire, each type firing eight guns spaced in the wings.

All the time our designers have been working on technical improvements while existing types are still beating mass-produced Junkers.

Meanwhile, Britain is producing more powerful bombers.

Few people know the details, but those who do know are confident that the shower of bombs which is falling on Germany's military objectives will soon become a flood.

Heavier Loads Further

Our new bombers will carry heavier loads further with even greater safety than they do now.

For years, Britons living near R.A.F. stations on the coast have objected to the night activity of bombers practising overhead. The pilots were fulfilling what has become a tradition in our Air Force — the perfection of night flying.

In this — as Berliners will discover — the British reign supreme. Flying by instruments, our airmen will batter military objects in the furthest east of the Reich.

PRISONERS A SECOND TIME

MEMBERS OF THE CREW OF A HEINKEL 111 WHICH MADE A FORCED LANDING IN KENT RECENTLY, ARE NOW PRISONERS OF WAR FOR THE SECOND TIME.

They were shot down in France and taken prisoner, but released by the French five days after Armistice. After some time in hospital and on leave, they returned to their unit early this month.

Their aircraft was leading a flight which operated from a French base to attack the London docks. The starboard engine was hit by A.A. fire and as oil escaped, the engine ceased. The aircraft lost speed and fell behind the formation. It was chased by Spitfires and the steering was put out of action.

The pilot said that they would have baled out but one of the crew had been wounded. So he force-landed and immediately threw an incendiary bomb into the cabin. Soldiers arrived in time to pull the bomb out and the aircraft was saved.

BOMBED FROM HOME AND SHOP

A West End antique dealer, applying at Westminster County Court to pay a debt of £60 at 10s. a month, said that his stock was destroyed by bomb blast.

All his best pieces of china and glass were in the window and all were smashed, he said. Five days

HOW LONDON SHELTERS

A census taken in December showed that five per cent. of the population of the London region occupied public shelters, nineteen per cent. domestic and communal shelters and the rest were living in their own homes, according to Sir Wilson Jameson, Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Health, yesterday.

In the Metropolitan area people using public shelters were eight per cent and domestic and communal shelters 21 per cent.

There has been no outbreak of epidemic or infectious diseases in deep crowded shelters.

Sir Wilson Jameson added: "I believe dispersal of the child population to the country had a great deal to do with the low incidence in 1940 of infectious diseases in Britain."

The figures quoted for 1940 up to December 14, as compared with the similar period of 1939, showed a decrease in scarlet fever and diphtheria, a slight increase in pneumonia and a heavy increase in cerebro-spinal fever.—British Wireless.

ROOSEVELT CALL TO ACTION

"President Roosevelt's speech is much more powerful and much more enlightened than his 'fireside chat,' says the 'Ta Kung Pao,' in an editorial this morning.

"It is an attack on the 'New Orders' and an open challenge to war against those advocating force and brutality."

"It reveals the American nation's determination to render every possible assistance to the nations opposed to aggression and that she will not be an idle looker-on."

"It accepts, on behalf of the American nation, the responsibility of fighting for and preserving international justice and peace."

"In a nutshell, the speech is the sound of the 'call to action' against the aggressor nations."

later his house was damaged by blast. He was out of work, but had been offered a job at £3 a week.

When a solicitor suggested that £10 a month could be paid, and that it was a business that did not need a shop, Judge Austin Jones said: "That may be so, but it is not the kind of business that is flourishing just now."

An order to pay £4 a month was made.

ETON DOES ITS BIT

Victory, it seems, will, after all, be won by the white ties of Eton.

Cast-off ties are being collected from every school-house at Eton as salvage, to be re-woven into bandages or used for paper.

Nine thousand ties have already been collected.

Britain Has New Bomber

A new type of plane is being added to Britain's air strength and is expected to play a useful part in the war.

A light twin-engined bomber, the new plane is to be known as the Botha I, and is the result of experiments carried out at one of the most important aeroplane factories in Britain.

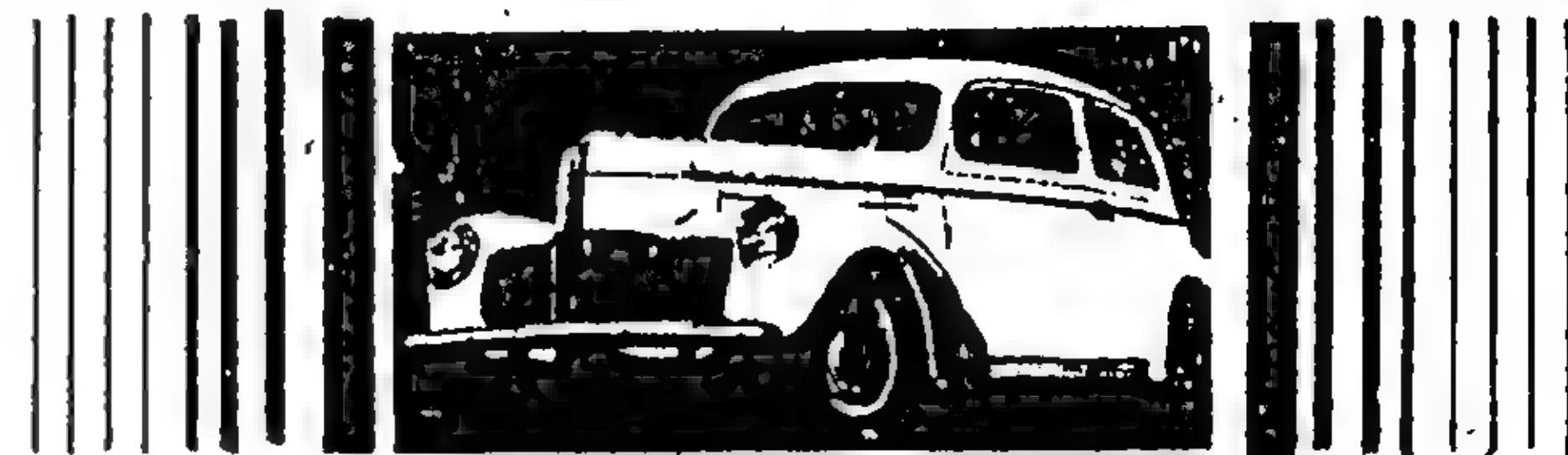
Its performance and armament are a close secret at present.

It is a general reconnaissance and torpedo bomber and is powered by two Perseus engines.—Reuter.

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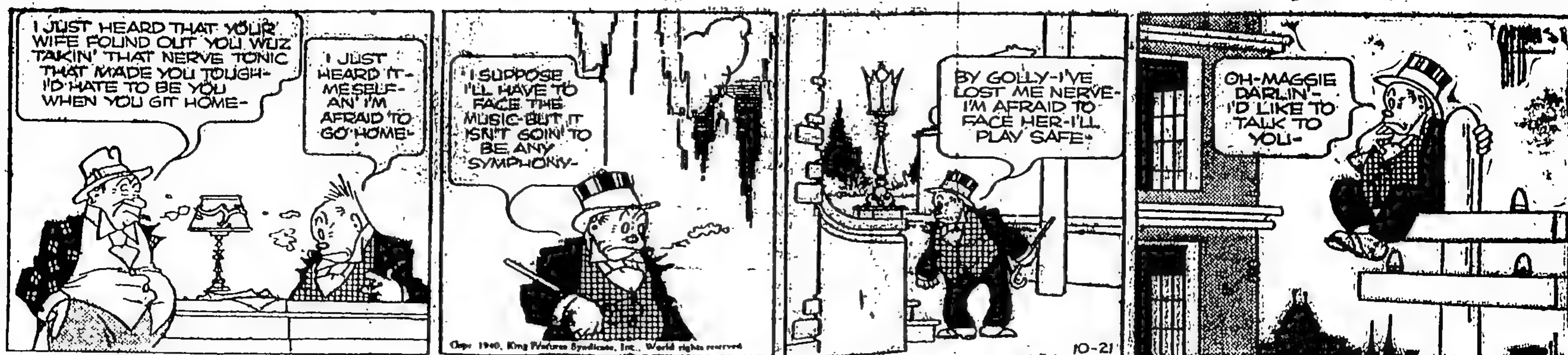
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Home Calisthenics

Of course, I hope you have joined a badminton club, or other game groups to get the exercise you need to keep your body conditioned. But if you haven't, and if a gym class is out of the question, you may restyle your body and keep it healthy right in your own home.

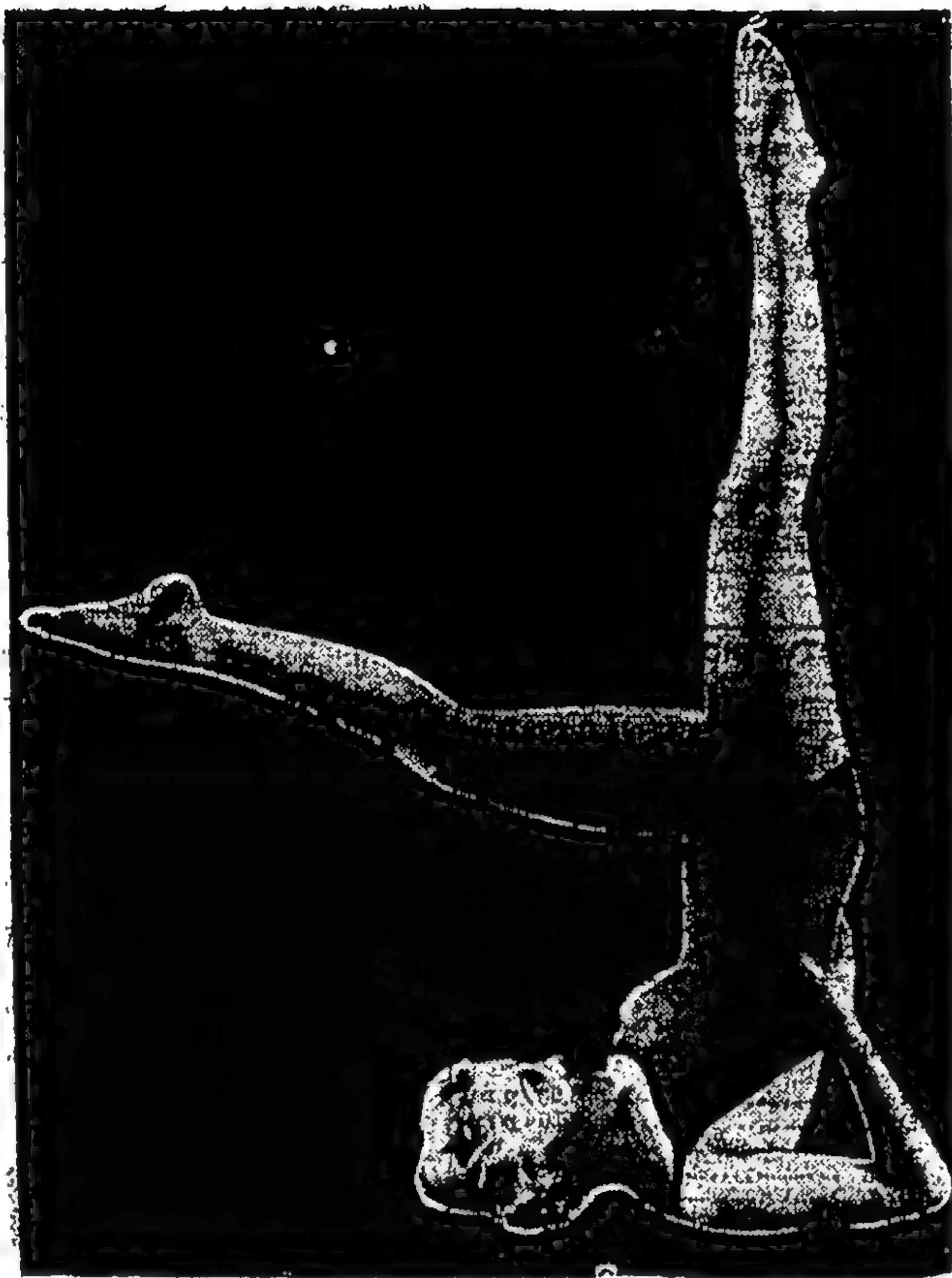
Determining to exercise every day at home, and sticking to your resolution, requires stamina. It isn't easy to spread a blanket on the floor, get into an exercising suit or loose clothing, and get down on the floor to roll and kick to radio music. But this exercise problem is greatly simplified if you determine to do it the same hour every day. Most women find the early hour before they break-fast the most convenient for beautifying! Or when husband and children have been packed off for the day and peace reigns at home.

Rising a half hour earlier is not difficult once you make it a habit and it is most beneficial. Most of us awaken at least a half hour before we actually get out of bed. We lie in bed and drowse. We would be much healthier if we got up at once when we awakened, providing we rested sufficiently during the night.

As one should exercise before a meal or at least one hour after a meal it seems logical that the half hour before breakfast is an excellent time—before eating or bathing or dressing, and directly after morning elimination. Your room is well aired at this time, too. From fifteen to twenty minutes of exercising is enough to keep you in splendid form.

"But," you complain, "how am I to know which exercises I should do? I think I need a teacher."

You are quite capable of planning your own schedule. If you follow this page faithfully, you



The "adventure" in mid-air is an excellent movement for stretching and slimming thighs, legs and hips.

have learned that exercises are presented for every figure flaw. You know what is wrong with your figure. You know where you

have stiffness or aches. Then you should clip any exercise which will correct your figure flaws or relieve those aches.

By practicing an exercise three or four times you may quickly determine if it is reaching the muscles which cry for toning. You may have a little ache for a day or two from muscles which have been too long inactive, but as the days pass you will feel your body asking for more exercise. You will then take pleasure in stretching, and rolling, stooping and kicking. The renewed vitality you experience will compensate you for your efforts!

Begin With Limbering

I always advise girls and women to begin an exercise routine by first limbering. That is, you must ease the stiffness of your spine and stretch your neglected muscles gradually and easily. When you have mastered your body and can bid it to relax, that is the time to go in for the restyling programme. So do be sensible and limber first!

It last twice as long and look much glossier.

From Wrist To Finger Tip

Finally, remember to rub your hands with some softening cream or lotion every night. A proper lemon-scented hand-jelly or lotion is best, but if that's not available, any cold cream will do, or even almond oil. Nightly creaming will keep hands soft and white, however hard the work you're doing during the day.

I know that there are still plenty of hand problems that I haven't had room to talk to you about. There's the problem of hands that will look red no matter how you cream them; the sign of bad circulation; and you need curative exercises and massage movements.

Incidentally, please don't keep your nails too short. File them to a rounded tip just beyond the edge of your finger, and don't cut the corners or you'll get those annoying little ends, half-skin, half-nail, called hang-nails.

Don't give up varnish altogether. If you find it takes too long to leave half-moons and tips, put the varnish evenly all over the finger-nail from cuticle to tip. It's tremendously smart, takes a tenth of the time, and makes your nails look long and slender.

Do change your varnish if you find it won't stay on. There are dozens of different makes of varnish, for the simple reason that different makes suit different people. I am using one now that stays on a whole week without a crack or chip.

You could also use one of the foundations under it that makes

Look After Your Hands

Very important is your grooming, especially of these two most noticeable and telling features about you—your hands.

I'll guarantee that two minutes' beauty care snatched here and there in the day will keep them as soft and white as anyone could wish.

An excellent "wrinkle" for keeping your hands smooth and soft is lemon juice. Scrounge the squeezed halves of lemon from the kitchen and rub well into the skin. Massage all the juice into your hands and don't rinse it away.

Smooth As Silk

Another excellent tip is to make a fresh lather after you have washed your hands, and work this new lather right into your hands till the skin is quite dry and smooth. That will keep the skin deliciously soft and satiny. But do be sure that the soap is a really super-fatted complexion soap, not a harsh one.

Then there's the problem of keeping your nailtips white. Keep by you either a nail white pen or nail floss, sometimes it's quite impossible to get a really clear white tip without the help of these.

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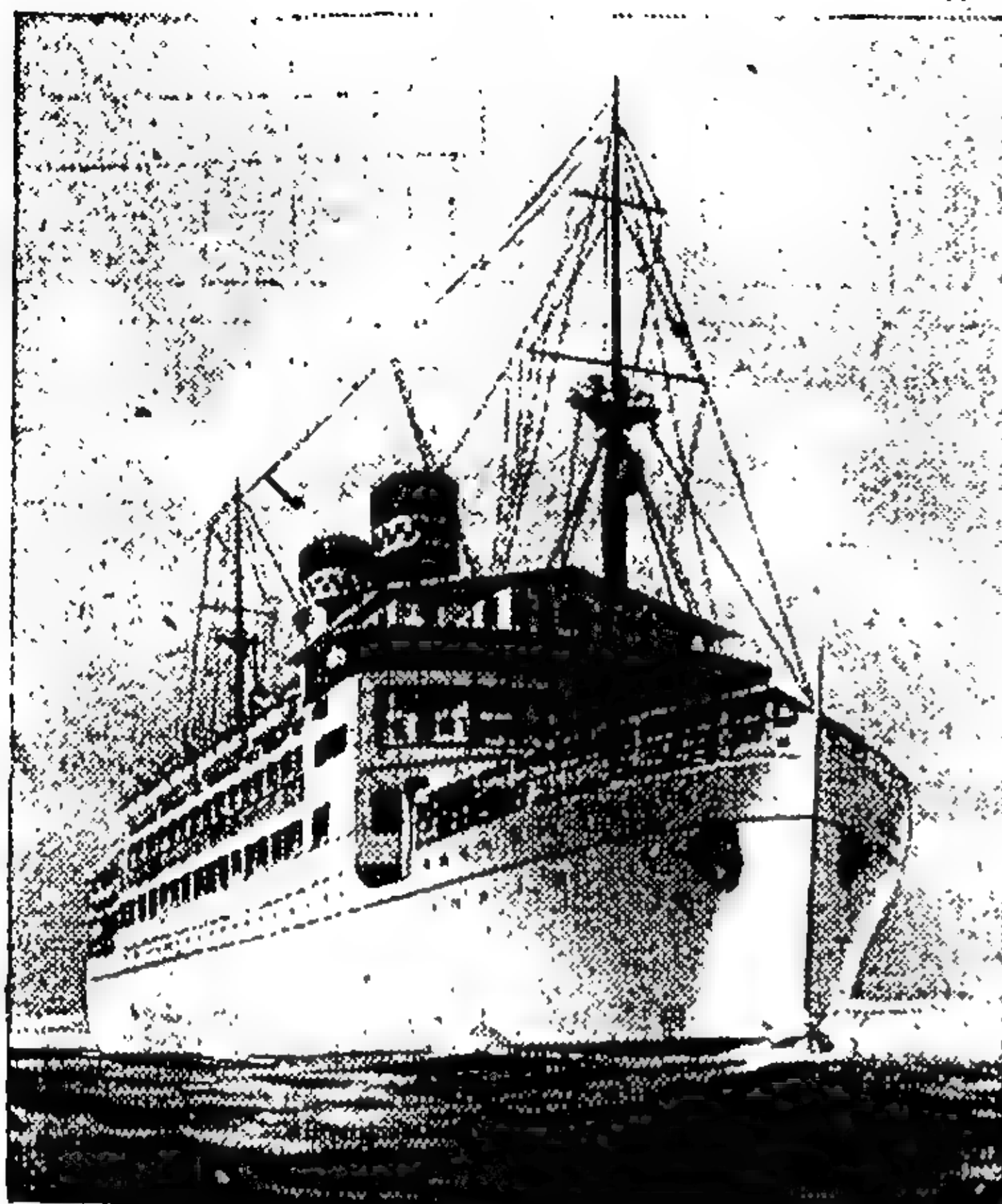
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12.30 p.m.—Tino Rossi (Tenor) and Vienna Boheme Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Compositions of Haydn.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press.

Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Maurice Winnick and His Orchestra and Piano Duets by Rawicz and Landauer.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Scriabin—Prometheus (The Poem of Fire), Op. 60.

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With Orchestra cond. by John Barbirolli.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 p.m.—Variety with Hildegarde, The Six Swingers and Teddy Foster and His Kings of Swing.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.

8.30 p.m.—Kotelbey—"In Holiday Mood" Suite.

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The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Clifford Greenwood.

8.42 p.m.—Richard Tauber (Tenor) and Light Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and Commentary.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: "To Talk of Many Things".

9.45 p.m.—Sea Chanties.

10.00 p.m.—Variety.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.



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Record Crowd Sees Baseballers Beat Recreio Aces

Stormy Outbursts Of Protest Indians Have Revenge On The Cyclones

By "Grandstand"

A RECORD CROWD turned out on Sunday to see the Hong Kong Baseballers down the Recreio Aces by 6-3 and retain the softball leadership.

The game was featured by stormy outbursts of protest against the umpires, which, however, subsided after a few minutes.

Cy Jones, on the mound for the victors, spaced six hits and was helped by two Leight to Hearther double-plays in pitching his side to victory over the Aces, while Gerry Gosano, toiling on the hill for the losers, doled out six safeties. Both Jones and Gosano walked one apiece.

The Mohawks had the jump on the Aces when lead-off batter Joe Reardon singled, pilfered second and scored on Lou Leight's sacrifice to centre. Failing to take advantage of two fumbles in a row, which put ducks in the pond for the Aces, Spotty Pereira was nailed at the plate on Zinho Gosano's bunt, whilst Eddie "Doctor" Gosano hit into a double-play to retire the side.

G. N. Gosano Triples

In the next stanza both sides went out in one, two, three order. Hurler Gerry Gosano tripled and dented the counting station on Spotty Pereira's sacrifice fly to left, to tie the score, but, a scratch single by Crews in the third helped by a muff and two wild heaves, piled up the Mohawk tallies to three.

In the fourth the Gosano brothers, Zinho, Eddie and Bertie, were all flagged at first, whilst Hearther, Davis and Crews of the Baseballers fired out for a shutout innings. In the fifth the Aces cut down the lead when third-sacker Leight fumbled an easy bouncer, to give Nick Beltrao a life. Beltrao burgled second and romped home on a wild pitch, but Joe "Dead-end" Morris did a Ty Cobb as he tore around the bags to score whilst hindsnatcher, Charlie Figueiredo was hunting for Reardon with the ball after Reardon had slid home without touching the plate.

In the sixth chapter the Aces choked the sacks with none away on a single, a bunt and a fielder's choice, but Bertie Gosano's Ruthian ambitions soon faded as he popped out to Fitch. Tony Alves, however, scored on Fitches' muff of Beltrao's pop fly. Spotty Pereira, running for Zinho Gosano, got bunt signals all crossed up and was caught napping off third. Figueiredo fled out to end the rally. Two more Waggonermen crossed the pan in the sixth on a pair of hits and two miscues.



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The Aces still had a chance in the last, as Gerry Gosano and Pereira both singled with one away, but Tony "Peewee" Alves hit into the second Leight-Hearther double-killing of the day for the game to end.

Recreio twirler Gerry Gosano took batting honours by returning a clean 1.000 in the three trips to the plate, which included a triple, the longest clout of the game.

Indians' Revenge

Massaging the shoots of Cyclone hurler Carlos "Kelly" Silva-Netto for 10 safeties, the Indians had their revenge by handing out a 12-7 lacing to the Cyclones.

The Indians only chalked up one in the first on a pass and a miscue, whilst the Cyclones replied with two on a pair of singles, but, helped by a series of bingles in the second frame the Indians garnered four tallies.

After the Cyclones had collected two runs in their turn with the stick on a pass and a muff, the Indians went into scull sessions and derrickd hurler Kassa Nazarin in favour of right-gardener Savage Hassan, who made his initial appearance on the slab, conceding three hits and three runs for the remaining 5-2/3 innings of the game.

Silva-Netto walked three and was guilty of two wild pitches, whilst Indian hurlers Nazarin and Hassan passed two and one respectively.

Abbas Consistent

Indian second-sacker "Baby" Abbas kept his leadership in the up-to-date batting averages by connecting safely two in three times, but Sherry Bux and Tarzan Ismail returned the best average for the game by batting .750 in four trips. Two-baggers were batted in by "Baby" Abbas, Tarzan Ismail, Kassa Nazarin and Silva-Netto. Recovering from the shuffling of a week ago, the Saints emerged victors in an 8-4 verdict over the Chinese Baseballers in the night-cap.

Den Cray, on the slab for the Liunzen, sent nine Collegians down swinging with his fast ones and George Souza, making his bow at the plate to inaugurate the first frame, swung at three fading up-shoots which missed his bat by at least a mile to be the first victim. And was he red under the collar when he tied himself into a knot a second time in the next chapter! Even the fact that the moundsmen, Frankie Gonzales, had fanned thrice in as many turns failed to console him.

Costly Errors

Although sharing 14 hits with the Saints, six costly errors spelled defeat for a listless team of Liunzen.

Collegian hot corner guardian, Dave Leonard, batted safely, two in three, which included a double, for the best stick-work.

NO FANLING HOUNDS

The meet of the Fanling hounds scheduled for Sheung Shui crossroads at 2.45 p.m. to-day has been cancelled because of unforeseen circumstances.

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

SENIOR LEAGUE			
	Won	Lost	Pctg.
Hong Kong Baseballers	7	2	.778
St. Joseph's	7	2	.778
Indians	6	3	.667
Cyclones	6	4	.600
Recreio Aces	4	3	.571
Chinese Baseballers	3	4	.429
Filipinos	1	7	.125
Canadian Chinese	0	9	.000
JUNIOR LEAGUE			
	Won	Lost	Pctg.
Chung Hwa	7	0	1.000
V.R.C.	5	1	.833
R.A.F.	5	2	.714
Recreio Bees	5	3	.625
South China	3	2	.600
Cosmos	4	3	.571
Liga Portuguesa	3	3	.500
Royal Scots	3	4	.429
8th R.A.	2	6	.250
C.B.A.	1	7	.125
Royal Engineers	0	6	.000
LADIES LEAGUE			
	Won	Lost	Pctg.
Canadian Chinese	8	0	1.000
Wildcats	7	1	.875
Wahoes	8	2	.800
Panthers	5	4	.556
Cardinals	4	5	.444
Ramblerettes	3	7	.300
Little Flowers	1	8	.111
Chung Hwa	0	9	.000
INTER-HONG LEAGUE			
	Won	Lost	Pctg.
Hong Kong Bankers	3	0	1.000
Shell Oilers	3	1	.750
Lacas	2	1	.667
Texaco	2	1	.667
Chartered Bankers	1	1	.500
Greenspots	0	3	.000
Cables	0	4	.000

CHUNG HWA'S SEVENTH WIN IN A ROW

By "Grandstand"

Chung Hwa registered their seventh consecutive softball win, by shutting out the Recreio Bees in a 6-0 whitewashing, the game being featured by almost errorless fielding on the part of the victors.

Jay Liu, on the mound for Chung Hwa, taking advantage of good fielding, pitched a four-hitter, passed none and fanned none, whilst Busy Bee slabster Georgie Guterres issued six free tickets to first and only succeeded in fanning lead-off batter P. F. Choy after working up a three and two count.

A Wasted Bunt

In the first frame no hits or runs were made by either side, but Chung Hwa broke the ice in the second stanza on a walk, a fumble and Bill Chang's single. In the Bees' turn with the hickory, Dick Alves singled, but was run down between second and third on Toto Prata's wasted bunt. Hurler Jay Liu worked Guterres for a pass, but further attempts to score were snuffed by a smart double-killing from third-sacker Jimmy Remedios to keystoner Wilfred Lawrence. In the next inning Kwok singled, and was squeezed across on Richard Chung's sacrifice dump. In the fourth frame the Chung Hwa squad was erased in one, two, three order and although the Bees put two on bases on a blow and a fumble, Jimmy Remedios failed to come through in the clutch with a hit.

With the bases loaded, in the fifth, the Chung Hwa team didn't score a run. Kwok, who was perched on third, being tagged for running before Al Law's sacrifice to deep left was handled.

Two more markers, in the seventh, in addition to Bill Chang's, four-bagger, with one aboard in the sixth, put the game on ice for Chung Hwa.

Bill Chang, of Chung Hwa, and Dick Alves of the Bees, both connected safely two in three times.

Second Inning

South China headed out the second inning of the day when they trimmed the Royal Scots to the tune of 14-0 in a game featuring brilliant fielding by South China, whilst on the other hand, although the Royal Scots know-

THELMA COLLACO PITCHES WILDCATS TO FINE VICTORY

By "Grandstand"

LIMITING THE PANTHERS to only two measley singles, Thelma Collaco pitched the Wildcats to a 11-2 triumph in the Ladies' Softball League on Sunday in which eight costly errors, of which short-stop Regina Xavier was guilty of no less than three, proved disastrous for the losers.

Slabstress Thelma Collaco passed two and fanned two, while the Panther twirler only accounted for one Wildcat via the strike-out route.

Irene "Slugger" Pereira, Gloria Mar and Thelma Collaco all connected safely two in four times, but the latter's double was the only extra base-clout of the fray. Wildcat keystoner Thelma (call me Josephine) Motta hasn't quite got over the shock of perfectly handling all seven fielding chances that came her way, especially when she came up with Theresita Botelho's holst to short centre, after being topped by centre gardener Virginia Chu, who came tearing in full steam ahead.

Irene Pereira Given Life

Leading off in the Wildcat batting, Irene Pereira was given a life on a wild heave and breezed home on Mary Mar's single. The latter also scored on a bad throw to the plate. Both sides were retired in order in the next frame. The Pantherettes first run came across in the third on two successive bobbles, but the Untamed Felines shellacked them for four markers on three safeties in their turn at bat. In the fifth both sides chalked up one more tally, but the Wildcats sewed the game up in the next chapter on another spurge of four runs.

Fine Pitching

In the Recreio-Wahoo clash, the latter triumphed over the Ramblerettes by 13-4 in a game highlighted by Theres Noronha's two-hit pitching, whilst her teammates combed Ramblerette slabstress for eight safeties, of which first-sacker Yvonne Yolie's three for four was the best performance with the stick.

Irene Castilho slashed the only two-bagger of the fracas and drove one in. Theres Noronha fanned five and walked two, whilst Gerry Jorge passed one and whiffed none.

In the initial frame the Aces scored one on a muff and a single, but Yvonne Yolie pilfered home in the Owls turn at bat to tie the count, both sides being unable to score in the second.

After producing three clusters of runs, totalling 12, in the next three innings, reserves were thrown into the fray.

Besides fielding 10 chances without a fumble, Yvonne Yolie stole five bases.

Flowers Crushed

In the other tilt, the Cahuckettes, battered the Little Flowers with 14 safeties to register a 27-1 victory in a five-inning game. Florin-

ledge of the game seemed good, their handling of the ball could have been much better. South China hurler Bill Quon was content to toss them in to the Scots, depending on his ballhawks who clamped their hands on everything that came their way.

Harry "Gabby" Chinn, plugging up the windy alley in place of Nelson Ma, played a good game, covering every inch of his territory. South China scored in the early stages of the game, to lay the foundation for their victory, and ended up with a fifth-inning barrage of hits, including hind-sacker Cecil "Sparks" Winglee's four-master and triples by Charlie Ne Chun-wah, Nellie Ma and Bill Yum.

In the sixth, the Royal Scots had a chance to break into the scoring column when the bases were soured with one away, but they couldn't produce the needed hit.

R.A.F. just managed to take the points from the Cosmopolitans by taking a 18-16 decision, whilst the 8th A.A. had another game credited to them on receiving a walk-over from the Sappers.

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TIGER HOME RUN SPECIALIST IS LEAGUE'S MOST VALUABLE

Big Henry Greenberg, Detroit outfielder and home run specialist, is the American League's "most valuable player" for the second time in six years, writes a correspondent in the "Christian Science Monitor."

TO-DAY'S BADMINTON

CHUNG WAH SHOULD BEAT KING'S COLLEGE

By "Adrem"

There is only one match on to-day's programme of Junior Division League badminton matches that is likely to be very interesting and this should result in a victory for Chung Wah over King's College.

The latter team is almost identical with last year's and although they are capable of extending Chung Wah, the latter are very well-balanced and should win fairly comfortably providing conditions at the College do not worry them too much.

Recrelo should win easily against Jewish Recreation Club, and St. John's, for whom Eardley will be playing, should account for St. Andrew's although if the Saints, whose team I have been unable to secure, are at full strength they should not let their hosts have matters all their own way.

Kowloon Tong, even without Frank Kwok, should be too good for Police.

PROGRAMME AND SOME TEAMS

Following is to-day's Badminton League programme and some of the teams:

Recrelo v. J. R. C.
King's v. Chung Wah
St. John's v. St. Andrew's
P. R. C. v. Kowloon Tong
Recrelo:—E. A. R. Alves and C. C. Pereira; P. P. Botelho and P. Yvanovich Junr.; A. E. Xavier and A. E. Noronha
J.R.C.:—M. Talan and A. R. Pollak; J. Odell and B. Godkin;
Dr. Ramler and L. Landau.
St. John's:—H. Eardley and D. Kwok; P. Wilson and N. L. Smith; R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd.
P.R.C.:—V. Mackenzie and H. Dingsdale; J. MacDonald and W. Gillies; L. Gordon and C. Y. Siu.
Kowloon Tong:—Peter Lo and Joe Tsang; Richard Lee and S. T. Chan; Lee Po and A. N. Other.
King's College:—K. L. Liu and H. T. Woo; S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung; T. Lam and K. H. Lo.

LOCAL CHESS

Results last night in the Junior Tournament of the Kowloon Chess Club were:—A. C. Poupard beat V. V. Kolatchoff, D. Drake beat S. Benjamin; and J. Grefalda beat Th. Laufer.

Five entries have been received so far for the Colony Open Championship. Players entered are C. M. Sequeira, D. E. de Carvalho, K. Weiss, G. S. Coxhead and L. Karpovich.

C.C.C. CRICKET TEAMS

The following have been selected to represent Craigengower Cricket Club in League matches on Saturday, at 2.00 p.m.:

1st XI (v K.C.C. Home):—E. Zimmer (Capt.), P. J. Billmorla, E. H. Esmail, H. G. Foreman, A. B. Hamson, A. J. Hulst, A. K. Ismail, E. J. Mitchell, W. Hong Sling, G. Souza and J. L. Young Saye.
Reserve:—T. H. Edgar.
2nd XI (v I.R.C. Away):—A. M. Omar (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, U. H. Esmail, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, E. A. Lee, J. W. Leonard, S. Leonard, T. Lock, U. M. Omar and W. K. Way.
Reserves:—O. M. Omar and L. Choo.

After seven years at first base for the Tigers, Greenberg moved to the outfield "for the good of the team" and experienced one of his brightest seasons, leading the league in home runs and runs batted in. He received the award first in 1935.

A 24-man committee, representing the Baseball Writers' Association of America, gave the 29-year-old Greenberg 292 points in the annual poll for the award. Bob Feller, Cleveland's young pitcher, trailed the Tiger star with 222 points. Each of the 24 writers listed 10 men in order of preference in addition to others named for honorable mention. A first place vote counted 14 points, second place nine points and so on down to one point for tenth place.

41 Homers

Greenberg, who knocked 41 homers and drove in 150 runs, received 15 first place votes out of a possible 24, seven for second place and one for sixth. Feller was given six first place votes for his brilliant record of 27 victories, and Detroit's Buck Newsom and Cleveland's Lou Boudreau split the other two.

Joe Di Maggio, New York star who led the circuit in batting for the second straight season, fell to third place in the voting after winning the award in 1939. Di Maggio received 151 points, followed by Newsom with 120 and Boudreau with 119. Jimmy Foxe, Boston first baseman and catcher and three-time winner of the "most valuable" designation, drew 110 points.

Schoolboy Rowe of Detroit rated seventh with 62 points, followed by his teammate, Rudy York, 61; Ray Radcliff, St. Louis, 55; Luke Appling, Chicago, 54; Roy Weatherly, Cleveland, 34; Dick Bartell, Detroit, 26; Joe Kuhel, Chicago, 18; Sid Hudson, Washington, and Ted Williams, Boston, 16 each; Barney McCosky, Detroit, 11; Ernie Bonhom, New York, 8; and Walt Judnich, St. Louis, 6.

Johnny Babich, Philadelphia, got five votes; Mike Tresh, Chicago; Frank Hayes, Philadelphia, and Ray Mack, Cleveland, four each; Joe Gordon, New York; Cecil Travis, Washington; Bob Kennedy, Chicago, and Charles Gehringer, Detroit, three each; Rollie Hemsley, Cleveland and Ted Lyons, Chicago, two each and Lou Finney, Boston, and Eldon Auker, St. Louis, one each. The committee which made the selection was headed by Sid Mercer of New York, President of the Association.

BILLIARDS "SOCIAL" AT Y.M.C.A.

Members of the Y.M.C.A. billiards team had a "social" billiards competition last night when two novelty matches were played.

In the first, F. Bowrey won, scoring the required 15 points without touching a plate.

The other game, "billiard bowls," was introduced for the first time by C. Terran. Sixteen entries were run off in pairs, and C. Terran and J. Mouton won. The Y.M.C.A. team will meet every Tuesday, from 7.30 to 11 p.m., until the end of April.

SUNDAY'S HOCKEY

Following are the Tournament hockey matches to be played on Sunday:

AT 10.30 A.M.
M.T.B. v. A.N. Other XI
Police "A" v. Police "B"
Recrelo v. Gunboats
Nomads v. 5th A.A. "B"
AT 4.00 P.M.
C.B.A. v. Destroyer
Engineers v. University
5th A.A. "A" v. Punjabi
Klusa v. Signals

AMENDED SOCCER PROGRAMME

Following is the amended soccer programme for the week-end. Further postponements are expected.

Saturday

FIRST DIVISION

Club v. Eastern
(Club, 4.00 p.m.)
St. Joseph's v. Middlesex
(Caroline Hill, 4.00 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

Kwong Wah v. Middlesex
(Chatham Road, 4.00 p.m.)
30th R.A. v. Navy
(Stanley, 4.00 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

Air Force v. 7th R.A.
(St. Joseph's, 4.00 p.m.)
12th R.A. v. 24th R.A.
(Stanley, 4.00 p.m.)

JUNIOR SHIELD

(Preliminary Round)
36th R.A. v. Club
(Club, 2.30 p.m.)

Sunday

FIRST DIVISION

Sing Tao v. South China
(Club, 4.00 p.m.)
Police v. Kwong Wah
(Boundary Street, 4.00 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

Police v. Service Corps
(Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.)
THIRD DIVISION
20th R.A. v. A.S.A.
(Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.)

JUNIOR SHIELD

(Preliminary Round)
Kit Chee v. Sing Tao
(Club, 2.30 p.m.)

COTTAGE CLUB PAPER HUNT

The next Cottage Club Paper Hunt will be held on Saturday next at 4 p.m., starting from Fanling Village.

Royal Scots In Army League Final

ROYAL SCOTS QUALIFIED to meet Royal Engineers in the Final of the Army Small Units Rugby League when they defeated Middlesex yesterday by 9 points to 3 points.

SOUTH CHINA'S PART IN SPORT

An interesting talk on the growth of the South China Athletic Association and the part it played in the sporting activities of the Colony among the Chinese was given by Mr. W. H. Chen, general Hon. Secretary of the Association at the monthly meeting of the Hong Kong Referees' Association held at Hotel Cecil last night.

Mr. Chen said the establishment of the Chinese Republic brought many changes, one of which was the springing up of a number of sporting and athletic clubs all over the country.

Among the most important were South China in Hong Kong and the Chin Woo Athletic Association in Shanghai.

The Far Eastern Olympic Games, held in Shanghai, Manila and Tokyo between 1915 and 1935 served to arouse great interest in sports among the younger Chinese, and the resulting interest in sport had brought about a great physical development in the health of young China.

Wide Sporting Activities

Dealing with sport taken up by South China, Mr. Chen said the most popular was football, and other games played at present were baseball, softball, tennis, basket-ball, volley-ball, badminton, swimming, water-polo and ping-pong.

Referring to past activities, Mr. Chen said the Club toured Australia with a football team in 1923 and since then had sent teams to many other parts of the world.

The Caroline Hill site was allotted to them by Government in 1927 and a hill on the site was transformed into an imposing pavilion, occupying an area of over 7,000 square feet.

Royal Scots were served by a strong three quarter line and in the second half were continually pressing and finished more strongly.

After 20 minutes play Marshall scored for Royal Scots but early in the second half Thomson equalised. Marshall missed a good chance in placing his side further in the lead for after a good run he tried to score in a favourable position but was tackled well.

Bateman soon after scored another try for Royals and before the end Nealon broke through for a try which was not converted.

SCOTS: Stevenson; O'Brien, Hanson, Bateman, Marshall; Phillips, Grace; Nealon, McKenzie; Durie, Dickson, Hunter, Loughlin, Sims, Livingstone. MIDDLESEX: — Halford; Thomson, Radley, Cordery, Dickens; Man, Mageridge; Wilson, Bailey, Heather, Kilmeke, Wookey, Berry, Goddard, Pearce.

ENGINEERS BEAT GUNNERS

Engineers defeated 5th Anti-Aircraft Battery a goal and four tries (17) to two tries (6).

The final of the small units league matches will be played on January 21.

HOME FOOTBALL

The following are the results of Home Football matches played yesterday:

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Dumbarton 2 Falkirk 1
Morton 1 St. Mirren 2
Rangers 2 Celtic 3

FRIENDLY

Queen O'South 0 Preston 3
One Rugby match was played, an Army XV defeating Middlesex by 16 points to 11.—Reuter.

Mr. Chen said that although 1940 was too recent to call for comment, they were still looking forward to winning the football championship this year despite the fact that many of their senior football members had left and joined another organisation.

TO-DAY In Every City on THE GLOBE



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BULGARIA HOLDING FIRM AGAINST NAZIS

Relations Reported To Be Strained

AIR RAID RESPITE CONTINUES

For the second night in succession there was no enemy air activity over Britain up to a late hour last night, says Reuter.

TOBRUK A RAGING INFERNO

(Continued from Page 1)

Meanwhile it was revealed that American Glenn Martin bombers are cooperating with R.A.F. planes in attacks against the Italians.

British bombers attacked Tobruk and Tripoli starting fires so great that they were seen from Bardia, 70 miles away.

Torrents of bombs fell amid warships and merchant vessels in Tripoli, and naval barracks and other military targets were hit at Tobruk.

IT IS INDICATED THAT THE BRITISH MAY DRIVE FURTHER WEST AGAINST BENGAZI WHILE STILL ENCIRCLING TOBRUK FOR A CRUSHING BLOW AGAINST THE ITALIANS THERE.—INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT RIBBENTROP, THE NAZI FOREIGN MINISTER, SAW M. FILOFF, THE BULGARIAN PRIME MINISTER, ON SUNDAY, STATES THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENT OF THE "BASLER NACHRICHTEN."

Refusal of the Wilhelmstrasse, however, to discuss the state of Bulgaro-German relations indicates that the negotiations had a negative result.

Relations are reported to remain very strained, the correspondent adds.

Meanwhile a despatch to the Stockholm newspaper "Svenska Dagbladet," quoting information in Berlin, states that no fresh German-Bulgarian negotiations or agreements are to be expected.

The delicacy of the Bulgarian situation was emphasised by the Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm "Tidningen."

With opposing interests seeking to influence her, the correspondent says, it is unlikely that the Bulgarian Prime Minister will leave the country at present.

Do Not Coincide

There had been reports that M. Filoff, who is ill, would leave Bulgaria in order to obtain medical treatment elsewhere.

The correspondent further states that German and Russian interests do not coincide in Bulgaria and Bulgaria perhaps is relying on Russian support if she resists German demands.—Reuter.

NAZI PRESSURE ON VICHY

The Nazis are showing intense irritation against Vichy and have taken steps to indicate their desire for a reconstruction of Marshal Petain's Government, to include the German candidate.

The proposal for a Triumvirate — to consist of Admiral Darlan, General Huntziger and M. Flan-din — news of which leaked out some days ago, did not meet with German approval and inspired a German denial.

Since then, the Germans have been complaining over the Paris Radio about the delay in coming to a decision at Vichy, and yesterday the German Radio broadcast a statement that the discussion between the statesmen at Vichy will be concluded to-day or to-morrow.

The German Radio said that a Government reconstruction will follow. — Reuter.

FOLLOWING UP TO TOBRUK

The Italian aerodrome of El Adem, just outside Tobruk, has been taken by our forces, who found 40 unserviceable planes on the field.

Further raids have been carried out by the R.A.F. on the foreshore and military targets in Tobruk itself, but full details could not be observed.

Two aerodromes beyond Tobruk were raided with success, while in the Tobruk area a Caproni-41 was shot down and a fighter probably destroyed, others being damaged.

A military communiqué yesterday said that operations against Tobruk are proceeding satisfactorily. In the Sudan, east of Gallabat, our patrols have inflicted casualties on the enemy, while there is no change in Kenya.

General Wavell is wasting no time following the fall of Bardia and British mechanised troops are already in contact with the outer defences of Tobruk. — Reuter.

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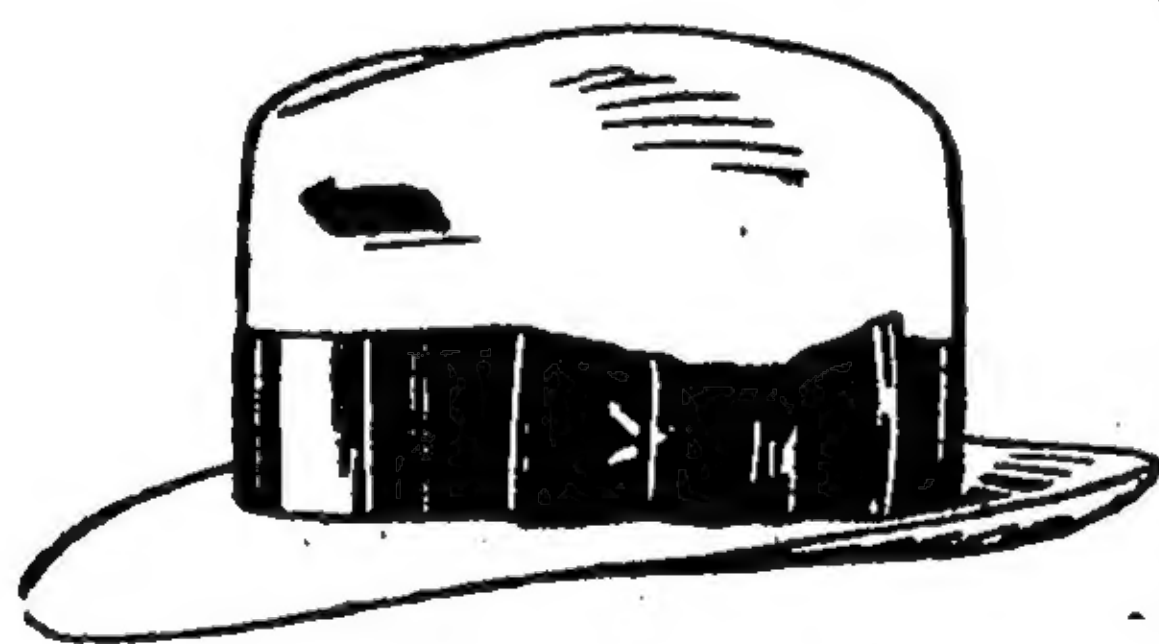
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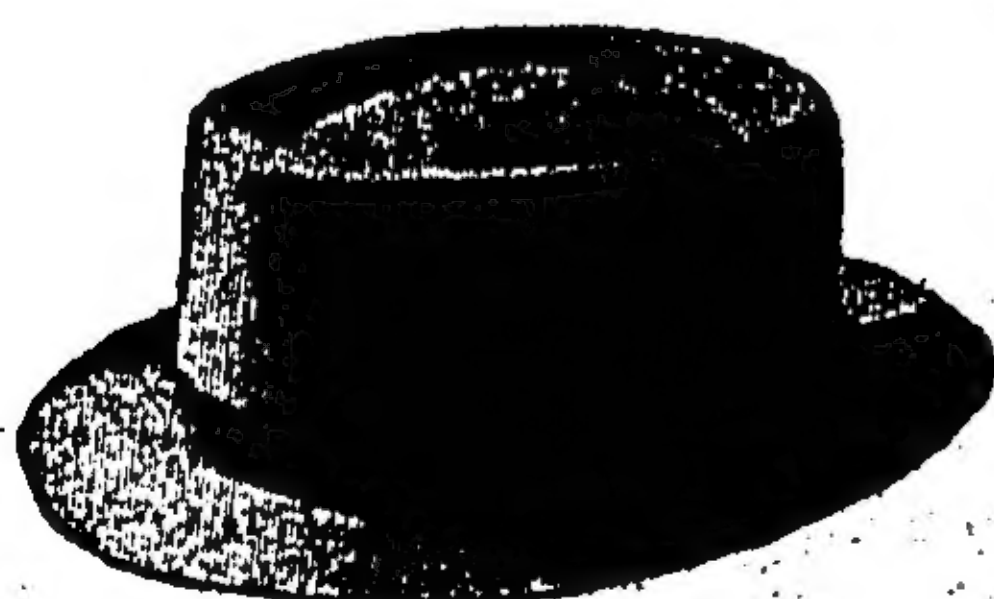


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